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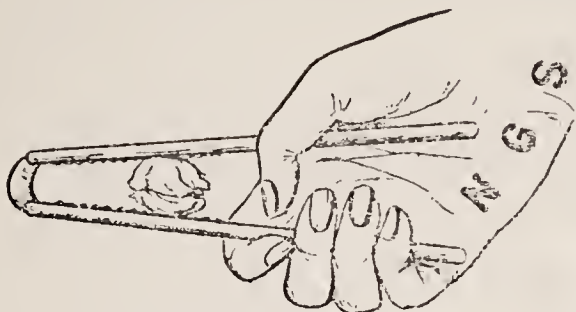
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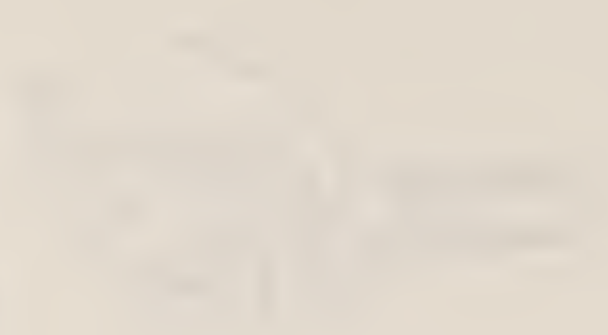
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I was a Washington Nut, Cracking Nuts for the National Genealogical Society, when I rounded up these notes on the Sears Family in 1942. I meant to send a copy to your father at the time, but must have slipped up on it. There are a great many of Lisker's "Echoes" in this paper.

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On the Descendants of

=== JOHANNES KAUFER ===

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of

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The original notes were compiled more than a half century ago, by the late disciples minister, Rev. John L. Sears - (1869-1920) - a native of Ralls County, Mo.

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Additional data was assembled, 1920 to 1940, by Professor Wayne L. Smith, University of Idaho, and his wife, then residing at Moscow, Idaho.

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Interpolations and census material added, 1941-2, were by Ben and Alice Dixon, Family Historians, then resident in Washington, D.C.

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Since 1942, the retrospective notes on page 18 have been corrected in several details, including:

ADAMSON: "Byrd D." Adamson was in reality Thomas Adamson grandson of a Quaker immigrant of Pennsylvania.

KERN: "Abraham Kern II", the father of Abram Kern who married Susan Wilson in Kentucky (and founded Old Union Church in Lawrence County, Indiana) was in fact not Abram at all, but ADAM KERN, SR., whose will was probated in Monroe County

Indiana 3 Aug. 1893. He was the father of Adam Kern, Sr., 6-12-1-1799, William Kern who m. Susan Sears, and Anna Kern who m. David Sears.

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## THE SEARS FAMILY

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These notes have been compiled by Prof. W. Wayne Smith, University of Idaho, 524 East D. St., Moscow, Idaho.

Professor Smith states they are based principally upon the Sears collections of Rev. C. B. Sears of the University of Virginia, Kansas City, and other places in later life, who did his work on the Sears Family during the first decade of the 20th Century.

This transcription is made by Ben F. Dixon, 5 Fathom Green, Washington, D.C., May, 1942, from an onionskin carbon copy loaned by Professor Smith. Numerous pencilled and inked in corrections and insertions are written in at the indicated location.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

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The Sears Family of Rowan County, N.C., Nicholas County, Ky., Indiana, and Missouri, is descended from JOHANNES ZAHER, from the German Canton of Switzerland. He was a Religious Refugee, belonging to the Dunkard Church, seeking Religious Liberty in the New World. He settled with his family in Lancaster County, Pa., about 1740, lived at Ephrata for a while and removed thru Maryland to the Yadkin Valley in North Carolina where he died.

## JOHANNES ZAHER

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Johannes Zaher, (pronounced t s a i r, and meaning tough in the German language, but was generally called "Sears" in English), born in Switzerland about 1710, came to Pennsylvania about 1740 with his family, and died in the Yadkin Valley, N.C., leaving at least two sons, Christian and John, probably others.



I. CHRISTIAN SEARS  
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Christian Sears, born in Switzerland about 1730, came to Pennsylvania with his parents, and settled in North Carolina, and moved to Kentucky with the Hons and Shulse about 1788, where he died. He was married twice. His first wife was killed by a falling <sup>limb from</sup> tree under which she was washing clothes..... The second wife is said to have been a Widow Hon. The following are reckoned as his children: 1- Christian; 2-John; 3-Susan; 4- Barbara; 5- Samuel; Katherine; 7- Esther; 8- Frankie; 9- Jacob; and 10- Daniel.

- 1- Christian Sears, Jr. Born in North Carolina about 1753. Said to have married Catherine \_\_\_\_\_. Mentions his wife Hannah R. Sears, in his will probated in Oldham County, Ky., August 21, 1843. Children: (1) Polly (Wright); (2) Sarah (Shireg); (3) Betsy (Wright); (4) Jacob; (5) David; and (6) John Sears. Executors: Jonathan Hardin and Philbert Wright (son in law).

1834,

Added Notes: He married, 2nd, Sept. 19, 1844/ Hannah Dawkins, daughter of William Dawkins of Oldham County, Ky. No issue, 2nd marriage. He bought land in North Carolina, Jan. 15, 1794, and Sept. 2, 1797. Sold- April 30, 1805. [Seymour, p. 3.]

- 2- John Sears. No data.

- 3- Susan Sears. She married a Mr. White.

- 4- Barbara Sears. Said to have married Swen Hostetler, who died May 12, 1828, in Clark County, Ind.

- 5- Samuel Sears. Born in North Carolina about 1764, married Christine Martin ? born 1765 and died in Iowa (buried at Franklin) May 7, 1867. Children: (1) Jacob; (2) John; (3) Daniel; (4) Susan; and (5) Christine.

- (2) John Sears: Born Dec. 11, 1794; died March 7, 1856, in Monroe County, Mo. Married Polly Jack. Issue: Among them John Milton Sears, born 1828, died 1889, whose daughter Pearl Sears M. David Morgan II; their daughter, Miss Nadine Morgan, lives at Shelbina, Mo.

- 6- Catherine Sears. Born in 1766; married Mr. Harmon; died 1860..... Added note: Catherine, b. 1760-70, d. at Hamilton, Ill; buried at Fell Graveyard, Jefferson County, Iowa.





I. Christian Sears (Continued).

*B. 1760/70; d. Hamilton, Ill.*

7- Esther Sears. Married Michael Peebler, Sr. Issue, son Michael Peebler, Jr., whose daughter Nancy Peebler, married Samuel Garber, whose son (Rev.) Elder Frank A. Garber, lives at Leon Iowa, a Dunkard Minister.

8- Frankie Sears. (Frances). Married, May 15, 1794, in Rowan County, N.C., William Huber.

9- Jacob Sears. No data.

10- Daniel Sears. No data. (Added: Except he was a half brother of Jonas Hon, Jr. *L. son was (below)*)

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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES: CHILDREN OF CHRISTIAN SEARS, JR.

1- Polly (Mary or Molly) born North Carolina, Feb. 18, 1776; married in North Carolina, 1793, Philbert Wright.

2- Sarah, married in N.C. 1798, Christian Napoleon Shires. Went to Tenn.

3- Elizabeth, married James Wright. Went to Indiana.

4- Jacob, died 1859, aged 85. Married Mary Hostetler, died 1856, aged 80. Removed to Vermillion County, Ind., 1880. Issue:

(1) Isabelle.

(2) Amanda, married Allen Frazer.

(3) John M., lived with mother on farm, 1888.

(4) Bruce E., married Alice Rice.

(5) Julia A. Sears, m. Payton Merriman, b. Jan. 16, 1806, in Tenn.

(6) Daniel Sears (son of Jacob and Mary) b. 6-20-1808, in Bourbon Co. Ky.

(7) Elizabeth, married Andrew Shults.

5- David, married Catherine \_\_\_\_\_. Died in Monroe Co., Ind., 1837.

6- John, died in Orange County, Ind., 1841.

NOTE: Daniel Sears, born June 20, 1808, in Bourbon County, Ky., married 1st, in Harrison Co., Ind., 1831, Sarah Sappinfield, born N.C., 1808, had eight children: George H. of Missouri, married Mary M. Alexander, had 5 children; and Jackson Sears who married Rosa Filson, lived at Newport, Ind.,... And Daniel Sears married, 2nd, Marcha Clop born 1827 in Buller County, Ohio. Married 1855. Children: Ezra and Nancy, of Newport, Ind.





II. JOHN SEARS  
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John Sears, (son of Johannes Zaher the immigrant) born in North Carolina about 1749, is said by some of his grandchildren to have served in the Revolutionary War. Removed, about 1802, to Nicholas Co., Ky., where he died March 12, 1839. Married in Rowan County, N.C. about 1778, Catherine Conrad (Coward?) born in North Carolina, 1760, and died in Nicholas County, Ky., 1822.

Their children: 1- Catherine; 2- John; 3- Matthias; 4- Elizabeth; 5- George; 6- David; 7- Michael; Alexander; 8- Henry; 9- Susan; and 10- Molly.

John Sears married again in Nicholas County, Ky., \_\_\_\_\_,  
Children: 11- Williams; 12- Solomon; 13- Jacob; and 14- Adam.

Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zaher)

1- Catherine Sears. Born in North Carolina, Jan. 6, 1779. Died in Floyd County, Ind., \_\_\_\_\_ 1852. Removed with her parents to Kentucky. Married in Bourbon County, Ky., George Hostetler, (Huffstutler or Heckstetler -- inserted note: "Son of Jacob Hostetter of Lancaster Co. Pa.") born in Maryland, Jan. 12, 1779, died in Harrison County, Ind., 1861. Issue, with others: David. (*To Harrison Co. 1816*)

(1) David S. Hostetler? (Hostetter) born in Bourbon County, Ky., Sept. 21, 1808. Removed with his parents to Indiana in 1816. Settled later in Orange County, Ind., near Orleans, Ind., 1835. Member of State Legislature of Indiana, 1846-1855. Married, May 24, 1832, Polly A. Bower (Bowers) (daughter of Solomon and Jennie Parr Bower (Bowers), from North Carolina to Clark County, Ind., 1806. She was born May 5, 1811; died April 26, 1879. Issue: Andrew J. and others. Hon. David S. Hostetler was living in 1884.

Added note: Andrew J. (or is this another Andrew J.?) was born Nov. 22, 1818. Washington County, Ind. to Lawrence Co., Ind., 1837. Was editor Bedford, Ind. Banner. Member 46th U.S. Congress from 8th District, 1878. Married February 1842, Margaret Newland. Mason, Christian Church. Issue: Jonathan N., John F., Sarah A., and Kate.





Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zaher) Cont.

- 2- John Sears, Jr. Born in Rowan County, N.C., \_\_\_\_\_ 1776, and died in Nicholas County, Ky., June 5, 1828. Is buried at Old Union Church Cemetery. Removed with his parents to Kentucky about 1788. Married in Nicholas County, Ky., \_\_\_\_\_ 1805, Betsy (Elizabeth) Hon, daughter of Jonas Hon and Mary Kethley Rowland, from the Yadkin Valley, N.C., to Kentucky about 1788. She was born \_\_\_\_\_ 1776, and died Aug. 14, 1852. They were members of the Dunkard Church.

Their children: (1) Jonas; (2) John; (3) Henry; (4) Levi; (5) Absolom; (6) Kitty; and (7) Ruth.

- (1) JONAS SEARS: Born in Nicholas Co., Ky., April 12, 1806, and died in Nicholas County, Ky., Dec. 28, 1869. Farmer, and member of the New Light Church. Married in Nicholas County, Ky., \_\_\_\_\_ Anna Shannon, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Shannon, and \_\_\_\_\_ Hannah, born in Ohio, Oct. 20, 1803, died in Nicholas Co., Ky., Dec. 31, 1851. Children: i- Morgan; ii- William; iii- James; iv- Polly; v- Albert Martin; vi- Marion; vii- Jane; and viii- Abraham F. (Note under "Albert Martin": "My grandfather LaVita Friend").

i- Morgan Sears: Born in Nicholas County, Ky., about 1827, married \_\_\_\_\_; had a daughter Miss Edna A. Sears, born 1882, who lived at Larned, Kansas.

ii- William Sears (Note: Lived at Blackwell, Okla.) born about 1828; married \_\_\_\_\_; had a daughter Miss Ditha Sears who lived at Winfield, Kans. (Note: had dau. Edith).

iii- James Sears: Born about 1830. Married 1st, Polly Jean Johnson. Issue, with others: William Sanford Sears, of Bramblett, Ky. James Sears remained in Kentucky and was living at Carlisle, Ky., in 1902.

iv- Polly Ann Sears: Born Oct. 6, 1831, died April 14, 1901. Married, as his 2nd wife, William Anderson Shulse (son of Mark Shulse and Susannah Music, from Nicholas County, Ky., to Balls County, Mo.) Born Nicholas County, Ky., Oct. 19, 1819. Died in Mo., Oct. 4, 1895. Their children: Jonas Marion, Flora Alice, Theodosia Ernest, Anna, Julia Esther, Ruth, LeRoy and Benjamin Franklin.

(a) Jonas Marion Shulse. Born May 8, 1856; married ~~Wendrick~~ \_\_\_\_\_ 1885; children: Polly Ethel, Marion, Flora May, Everett, Malcolm, and Robert. 1886

(b) Flora Alice Shulse. Born Feb. 4, 1858; married/a Hendricks; children: William Henry, Ruby Ruth, Naud, Zelma & Delbert.

(c) Theodosia Ernest, born \_\_\_\_\_, died aged 6 months.

(d) Ann Shulse. Born July 27, 1862. Married \_\_\_\_\_ 1887. Children: Edith, Alta ~~Edith~~, Earle, and Lillie.





Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zahar) Cont.

## 2- John Sears, Jr. (Continued)

## (1) Jonas Sears:

iv- Polly Ann Sears: m. 2, William Anderson Shulze (Continued):

(e) Julia Esther Shulze. Born April 16, 1866. Married, Nov. 1887, H. Nagly Spears (son of Joseph and Catherine Spears), born \_\_\_\_\_ 1866, and died 1918. She lives at 4419 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. Children: Vincent Man and Ruth Ann.

(f) Ruth Shulze. Born Nov. 1, 1867. Married, 1892, \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan. Children: Redgie Ray, Marion and Emma Ruth.

(g) Leroy Shulze. Born \_\_\_\_\_ 1872, died aged 3 months.

(f) Benjamin Franklin Shulze. Born July 12, 1872. Married, \_\_\_\_\_ 1897. Lives at Center, Mo. Children: Ernest, Cecil, and Iva Mae.

v- Albert Martin Sears. Born in Nicholas County, Ky., Nov. 9, 1833. Died at Center, Mo., Nov. 5, 1904. Farmer and member of the Christian Church. Married in Center, Mo., May 23, 1861, Sally Ann Shulze (daughter of William Anderson Shulze and Polly Jane Johnson, of Ralls County, Mo.) born in Ralls Co., Mo., Dec. 21, 1843, lived and raised her family at Center, Mo., until 1912, when she went to live with her son Dr. Wm. L. Sears at Hemet, Calif., where she died Jan. 2, 1919. Their children: William Levi, Otis Burgess, and Rolla Gilbert.

(a) William Levi Sears. Born at Center, Ralls County, Mo., August 23, 1863. Married, August 22, 1883, Emma Thompson (daughter of John Joseph Thompson, and Martha Stablaton Thompson) born Jan. 22, 1868, died March 25, 1920. Lived at 922 North Harper Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. Died March 22, 1939. Children: La Veta, married John H. Friend, Jr. Address: 922 North Harper Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

(b) Rev. Dr. Otis Burgess Sears. Born May 27, 1869. Died May 1, 1935. Minister of the Christian Church, Educator and Author. Married, Jan. 27, 1892, Eliza Ella Kenney (dau. of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_) born Sept. 2, 1869, living at 2814 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. Children: O. Allen Sears, Harrisonburg Sta., Houston, Texas.

(c) Rev. Rolla Gilbert Sears, Minister of the Christian Church. Born Ralls Co., Mo., June 16, 1872. Living now at 518 Patterson St., Joplin, Mo. Married Edna Lucille Parks, Children: Merle Gibbons Sears, and Lawrence Olan Sears.

vi- Marion Sears. Born in Nicholas County, Ky., 1836. Died July 28, 1852.

vii- Jane Sears. Born Nicholas Co., Ky., 1837. Died Aug. 10, 1852.

viii- Abraham F. Sears. Born in Nicholas Co., Ky., 18\_\_\_\_. Married. Removed to Missouri, and then to Roscoe, Okla., where he homesteaded. Children: Gilbert, Jesse, Rolla, Luther, John and may be others.

*I know him in  
Missouri, before  
World War I. B. Th  
Great Plains -  
Pa.*





Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zaher) Cont.

2- JOHN SEARS, JR. (Cont.)

- (2) John Sears. Born Nicholas Co., Ky., \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_. Taught school in Nicholas County, Ky. Married late in life, and left no issue.
- (3) Henry Sears. No data.
- (4) Levi Sears. Born, Nicholas Co., Ky., \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_. Removed to Mo. Died unmarried.
- (5) Absolon Sears. Born, Nicholas Co., Ky., \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_. Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Removed with family to Mo. in 1890. Died February 1901, leaving a large family.
- (6) Kitty Sears. Born, Nicholas Co., Ky., \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_. Married in Nicholas County, Ky., Robert Barr, (son of \_\_\_\_\_ Barr, and \_\_\_\_\_). Children: Robert Barr, Jr., who lived for years at Carlyle and Bramblett, Nicholas Co., Ky.
- (7) Ruth Sears. Born, Nicholas Co., Ky., May 23, 1823. Died in Ralls Co., Mo., Jan. 6, 1894. Married, Oct. 30, 1844, at Carlyle, Ky., Peter Shulse (son of \_\_\_\_\_ Shulse and \_\_\_\_\_) born Jan. 2, 1822, died Jan. 23, 1893 in Ralls Co., Mo. Children: John H., William H., Mary E., Francis M., Winnie K., Jonas A., Julia Ann, Jackson P. and twin Jasper, and James H.
- i- John H. Shulse, born Dec. 19, 1845.
- ii- William H. Shulse, born Nov. 7, 1847.
- 1849 iii- Mary E. Shulse, born Nov. 8, 1848. Married Wm. Utterback. No issue.
- iv- Francis M. Shulse, born March 25, 1851. Married. Left a family.
- v- ~~Winnie~~ Winnie K. Shulse. Born April 4, 1853. No issue.
- vi- Jonas K. Shulse, born Jan. 15, 1855. No issue.
- vii- A child that died at birth, Aug. 20, 1858.
- viii- Julia Ann Shulse, born June 7, 1860. Married, \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_,  
Thomas P. West, (son of \_\_\_\_\_ West, and \_\_\_\_\_) born  
\_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_; died \_\_\_\_\_. Children: George, Charles  
and Bessie. She lives at Center, Ralls Co., Mo.
- ix- Jackson P. Shulse, born Oct. 30, 1862; died in 1883.
- x- Jasper Shulse, twin of Jackson P. Shulse. No data.
- xi- James H. Shulse, born Nov. 19, 1864. Married \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_. Left a family. One son living at  
Huntington, Ralls Co., Mo.





Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zaher) Cont.

3- MATTHIAS SEARS. Born in Rowan County, N.C., \_\_\_\_\_ 1779 ? Removed with parents to Nicholas County, Ky., about 1788. Died in Lawrence Co., Indiana, August \_\_\_\_\_ 1878. Married \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_. Children: Martha, Abram, and others.

(1) Martha Sears. Removed with parents to Lawrence County, Ind. Married \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins. Lived at Bedford, Lawrence County, Ind.

(2) Abram Sears. Removed with parents to Lawrence County, Ind. Married \_\_\_\_\_. Issue, with others: J. W. Sears, who had a son, Rev. E. W. Sears, Minister in the Christian Church, who served the church at Pinhook, Ind. in 1903. Was in Winshoro, Texas. Returned to Ind.

Pencilled note under this item: "Married my great grandfather, James Wright."

----- NOTES FROM CENSUS RECORDS, LAWRENCE COUNTY, IND. -----

The following information on the family of Matthias Sears was extracted from the Census Schedules for Lawrence County, Indiana, by Ben and Alice Dixon, 5, Fathom Green, S.W., Washington, D.C., 1942.

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Matthias Sears:	1 Male, Age Group	40/50. [1740]
	1 Female	30/40 [1800]
	1 Male	15/20 [1800]
	1 Female	15/20 [1800]
	1 Male	10/15 [1800]
	1 Female	10/15 [1800]
	1 Female	5/10 [1800]
	1 Female	Under 5 [1800]

1 8 6 0

Matthias Sears	age 65	male, place of birth,	North Carolina
Susannah Sears	59	female	Kentucky
E. G. Sears	17	female	Indiana

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Matthias Sears	age 75	male	North Carolina.
Susannah Sears	70	female	Kentucky.

These census records appear to indicate that Matthias Sears was married in Kentucky about 1820; that he removed to Lawrence County prior to 1840, and that some of his children were born there. His wife, Susannah \_\_\_\_\_ was a native of Kentucky.





Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zaher) Cont.

3- MATTHIAS SEARS: NOTES FROM LAWRENCE COUNTY CENSUS RECORDS

The preceding notes indicate that Matthias Sears married Susannah \_\_\_\_\_, who was born in Kentucky about 1791.

CENSUS SCHEDULE OF 1850

(1) Benjamin Sears,	Age 29,	Born in Kentucky.)	NOTE: In 1840, Matthias
Rachel A. Sears,	24,	do	Sears of Lawrence County,
Michael A. Sears,	5,	Indiana	had a son between 15 & 20
John R. Sears,	3,	do	years of age.
Nancy E. Sears,	1,	do	)

Rachel A. Sears, wife of Benjamin Sears, above, was Rachel Kern, native of Kentucky, born about 1826. William Ribble Sears, son of Michael A. Sears, above, married Anna Letta Adamson, and now resides at Hills, Fla. He does not know the names of the parents of either Benjamin Sears or Rachel Kern.... All Sears census records of Lawrence County, 1850, can be readily identified except that of Benjamin Sears. It appears probable that further research will bear out the assumption that Benjamin Sears was the oldest son of Matthias Sears and Susannah \_\_\_\_\_ of Kentucky.

4- ELIZABETH SEARS: Born in North Carolina \_\_\_\_\_. Removed with parents to Kentucky. Married in Knox County, Ky., Feb. 13, 1812, James Garton, (son of Elijah Garton and Sarah Boyd of Rockingham County, Va., to East Tennessee, thence to Kentucky, and lastly to Lawrence County, Ind.) born in Knox County, Tenn., Aug. 30, 1788, died at Clarksburg (Now Oden) Davis County, Ind., May 30, 1874. Elizabeth Sears Garton died at Springville, Lawrence County, Ind., Dec. 12, 1886.... Their children were: Sally Cyrene, John Lowrey, Mary Brock, William Craven, Nancy, and twins who died at birth.

ISSUE

- (1) Sally Cyrene Garton. Born Sept. 2, 1814. Died March 13, 1865.
- (2) John Lowrey Garton. Born July 15, 1818. Died Feb. 8, 1857. Issue: Peter, D. J., Daniel, William, Sally, Matthew, Walter, and Waiha.
- (3) Mary Brock Garton. Born May 12, 1820. Died July 7, 1906.
- (4) William Craven Garton. Born Aug. 7, 1822. Died Feb. 7, 1898.
- (5) Nancy Garton. Born \_\_\_\_\_.

5- GEORGE SEARS: Born in North Carolina, March 5, 1789. Married in Kentucky, Katie Hon (daughter of Jonas Hon and Mary Keithly) born March 10, 1789. They removed to Indiana, where he died Sept. 20, 1857, and she died Sept. 23, 1880.

Left a family: Robert B. Sears, of Vermilion County, Ind., State Senator, 1886. Born Harrison County, Ind., August 1818.

This Benj.  
Sears is  
not son of  
Matthias  
He is son  
of p. 14  
Son of  
Michael  
Gileman  
Sears





Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zaher) Cont.

- 6- DAVID SEARS. Born in Rowan County, N.C., Dec. 17, 1791. Removed with his parents to Kentucky in 1801. In 1822 (correction: "in 1818") he settled in Lawrence County, Ind., where he died, August 24, 1864.

Married in Kentucky, <sup>9/26/1811</sup> Anna Kern, (daughter of Abraham Kern, Pioneer Preacher of Kentucky from Bucks County, Pa.) born in Bucks County, Pa., about 1792 ? She died in Lawrence County, Ind., April 10, 1824. Their children: (1) Andrew; (2) Ezra; (3) William; (4) Adam; (5) Malinda; (6) Peter; and (7) J. P.

DAVID SEARS married 2nd, in Lawrence County, Ind., on \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_, Hannah Rainey, (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Rainey and \_\_\_\_\_) born \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_. Their children were: (8) Louisa; (9) Henry; (10) Juliana; (11) Rainey; (12) Martin; (13) Angelina; (14) Melvina; and (15) David H.

David Sears married, 3rd, in Lawrence County, Ind., June 17, 1850, Rachel Adamson-Cox (daughter of William Adamson, and ~~Sarah Cheshut~~ <sup>widow of Simon Cox</sup>) Their children were: (16) William Marion, and (17) Mahala.

NOTE ON RACHEL ADAMSON: Rachel Adamson-Cox, the third wife of David Sears, was the widow of Simon Cox. She was born in Lawrence County, Ind., about 1827, and was the daughter of William Adamson and Susanah Cheshut. William Adamson, her father, was born in Jefferson County, East Tennessee, in 1800. He was the son of Byrd D. Adamson, and Rachel Williams. BFD.

- (1) Andrew Sears. Born in Kentucky, 1812. Died in Daviess County, Ind., \_\_\_\_\_ 1864. Married, June 14, 1834, in Lawrence County, Ind., Serelda Smith (daughter of Peter Smith and Margaret Ford, from Ky. to Lawrence County, Ind., before 1820.) She was born in Pulaski County, Ky., Feb. 7, 1817, and died in Daviess County, Ind., Oct. 6, 1898.

Their children: Margaret, David, Lucinda, Peter, Rebecca, Anna, William, Elizabeth, Josephus, Eliza, and Belle. (For details see Peter Smith Family.)

- (2) Ezra Sears. Born in Kentucky <sup>3/13</sup> 1814. Married in Lawrence County, Indiana, Feb. 17, 1836, Peggy Skeen, (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Skeen, and \_\_\_\_\_). NOTE: Census record of 1860 gives "Margaret Sears, age 43, born in Kentucky". BFD. Issue: (From census schedules of 1850 and 1860):

- |      |                   |                         |       |
|------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| i-   | Malinda J. Sears. | Born in Indiana (about) | 1836. |
| ii-  | Hester A. Sears   | do                      | 1839. |
| iii- | M. Louisa Sears   | do                      | 1842. |
| iv-  | James M. Sears    | do                      | 1844. |
| v-   | Lemuel Sears      | do                      | 1845. |
| vi-  | Clementina Sears  | do                      | 1849. |

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Rainey was right!  
I think so, fair  
She was "Mavis"  
when Old Ben  
Married her  
She must have been  
Hannah Rainey-Morris!





Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zaher) Cont.

6- DAVID SEARS: (Continued).

- (3) William Sears. Born in Kentucky, <sup>9-18</sup>1816. Died, Lawrence County, Ind.,  
 1857. Married in Lawrence County, Ind., October 1837,  
 Phoebe Cox, (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Cox and \_\_\_\_\_) born 1821, <sup>18-18</sup>  
 died 1909. Their children: Nancy Jane, Anna Rebecca, Emanuel, Newton,  
 Manervila, William H., David Wright, Mary E., and John Marshall.

NOTES FROM LAWRENCE COUNTY CENSUS SCHEDULES

William Sears is shown (1850) native of Kentucky, Age 33. Phoebe  
 Sears is shown (1850) Age 30, (1860) Age 40, native of Indiana.  
 The following children are shown in the two records, all native  
 of Indiana, with approximate dates of birth from the schedules:

- i- Nancy J. Sears, Indiana, born about 1839.
- ii- Rebecca A. Sears, do 1841.
- iii- Manuel Sears, do 1842.
- iv- Newton Sears, do 1844.
- v- Manerva A. Sears, do 1846.
- vi- William H. Sears, do 1849.
- vii- David R? Sears, do 1853.
- (viii- Mary E. Sears, no record on census schedules for either year.)
- ix- John M. Sears, Indiana, born about 1856.

- ix- John Marshall Sears, born April 23, 1856. Married Margaret Conley,  
 (dau. of \_\_\_\_\_ Conley, and \_\_\_\_\_.) Children: Jesse, Lola,  
 Ralph, Harley, John E., Charles A., and Fred Harrison.

(ADDED NOTES ON JOHN MARSHALL SEARS)

- 1- Fred Harrison Sears. Born 1888. Married Stella B. Fossett.  
 Children: Novella Louise Sears, m. H. N. Young,  
 Issue: Gerald N.; Ora Margaret, born 1919; and  
 Fred Marshall Sears, born 1921.
- 2- Jesse Sears. Born 1890. Died 1909. Killed accidentally.
- 3- Lola C. Sears. Born 1892. Married Paris Burch. Issue:  
 Ruth Esther.
- 4- Ralph Sears. Born 1895. Married Irene Tam. Issue: Ralph Howard.
- 5- Harley Sears. Born 1897. Accidental death, 1904.
- 6- John E. Sears. Born 1901. Married Mildred Howe. Issue:  
 John Thomas and Mary Lou.
- 7- Charles A. Sears. Born 1904. Married Josephine A. Rainbolt.  
 Issue: Charles David and James Allen.

- (4) Adam Sears. Born in Nicholas County, Ky., 1818. Married, in Indiana,  
 1839, Rebecca Wright, (dau. of Elder Peter Wright and Rebecca  
 Woods, of Washington County, Indiana) born (ca 1820), died \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Adam Sears died \_\_\_\_\_. He was a Republican, and a member of the  
 Christian Church. They had 13 children. The following were living in  
 1884: Malissa J., Tabitha E., Peter W., David L., Ambrose K., Nancy E.,  
 Arley R., and Ulysses G. Sears.





Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zaher) Cont.

6- DAVID SEARS: (Continued)

- (4) Adam Sears (and Rebecca Wright). Additional Notes by Ben F. Dixon. All the children of this union were born in Indiana. The following notes are compiled from Census records of 1850 and 1860, and from family records in possession of Ben and Alice Dixon. The dates of birth where not otherwise known, are approximate dates based on census records.

I S S U E

- i- Malissa J. Sears, born 1841. Married Alexander Adamson. (QV Below).
  - ii- Tabitha E. Sears, 1844. do Wesley Adamson. (QV Below).
  - iii- Peter W. Sears, 1847.
  - iv- David L. Sears, 1849. Married Cyrena Williams. (QV Below).
  - v- Susan E. Sears, 1852.
  - vi- Malinda V. Sears, 1855.
  - vii- Ambrose K. Sears, 1857.
  - viii- Nancy E. Sears, 1859.
  - ( ix- Arley R. Sears, ) No information of these five
  - ( x- Ulysses Grant Sears ) children in the census records
  - ( xi- xii- xiii- three other children ) studied.
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- i- Malissa J. Sears. Native of Indiana. Shown as "Age 9" on census records of 1850. Married Alexander Adamson, son of John Wesley Adamson and Fannie Kern; grandson, Byrd D. Adamson and Rachel Williams of East Tennessee, and of Abraham Kern and Susan Wilson, of Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Issue:
    - a) Cornelia Adamson, married Frank Jackson.
    - b) Maudie Adamson, married Doctor E. E. Mitchell.
    - c) Walter Adamson, m. 1st, Donie McHargue; 2nd, Cora Phillips.
    - d) A daughter, who died.
  - ii- Tabitha E. Sears. Born in Indiana. Shown as "age 6" (1850) and "age 16" (1860) in census records. Married Wesley Adamson, son of John Wesley Adamson and Fannie Kern; grandson, Byrd D. Adamson and Rachel Williams, and of Abraham Kern and Susan Wilson.
    - a) Winnie Adamson, married Will Jackson.
    - b) Pryor Adamson, never married. Died 1941.
    - c) Ernest Adamson, married Ella Owens.
    - d) Bernie Adamson, married Lena Stiles.
  - iv- David L. Sears. Born in Indiana. Shown as "Age 1" (1850) and "Age 11" (1860) in census records. Married Cyrena Williams, dau. of Dixon Williams and Cyrena Cox; grand-daughter of Isaac Williams and Amelia Gibson, of East Tennessee. Issue:
    - a) Vernie Sears, an old bachelor.
    - b) Walter Sears )
    - c) Nellie Sears ) deceased.
    - d) Lila Sears, never married.
    - e) Oscar Sears, married Mollie Willars: A son, Raymond M.
    - f) Arthur Sears, deceased.
    - g) Luther Sears, married Alma Wynn.
    - h) Everett D. Sears, married Nellie Cook.

*Cyrena*





Children of John Sears (Son of Johannes Zaher) Cont.

## 6- DAVID SEARS: (Continued).

- (5) Malinda Sears. Born Feb. 18, 1821, in Indiana. Married Lisker Cox, (son of \_\_\_\_\_ Cox, and \_\_\_\_\_) about 1838/40, who died prior to 1850. Lisker L. Adamson, of Williams, Ind., identifies the following census record as belonging to Malinda Sears, and furnishes birth date:

Malinda Cox, female, age 29, born in Indiana. (1850 census records).  
 i- Martin Cox, male 10, do  
 ii- Mahlon Cox, male 8, do  
 iii- June Cox, female 4, do

- (6) PETER SEARS ) Twins, born April 7, 1824. Died in infancy.  
 (7) J. P. SEARS ) Lisker Adamson says initial is J.R. instead of J.P.

Senior  
 ANNA KERN, daughter of Abraham Kern ~~and Sarah Wilson~~, and mother of the above seven children, died in Lawrence County, Indiana., Apr. 10, 1824.

SUNDRY INTERCALARY REMARKS: ADAMSON NOTES

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 Before proceeding with transcribing the remaining notes on the family of David Sears, it seems to be in order to digest some notes which have just been received (May 15, 1942) from Lisker Adamson, of Williams, Indiana. The Doyen of the Lawrence County Adamson Clan has spent a great deal of time within recent months, seeking information on these old Adamson, Kern, Sears and other related families by furbishing up weather-worn epitaphs in old neighborhood cemeteries. He has sent a list of birth dates on all the children of David Sears, which I believe are based on information gained from epitaphs.

The seven dates which concern the seven children of David Sears and Anna Kern, will be given herewith. The remaining dates will be incorporated with the following notes relative to the children concerned.

Mr. Adamson states that the twins, Peter H. and J.R. Sears, were children of Hannah Rainey, the second wife of David Sears. If the above date, April 10, 1824, is the correct date for the death of Anna Kern, it would appear that the twins were the children of Anna Kern, and that she died as the result of illness following childbirth. She was still a young woman, barely past 30 years of age.

The marriage with Hannah Rainey speedily followed the death of Anna Kern because of the stern necessity for a gentle hand to care for the seven young children, particularly the infant twins.

The Seven Sears Children

- (1) Andrew Sears. Born July 27, 1812. Lived at Odon, Indiana.  
 (2) Ezra Sears. Born March 13, 1814. Married Margaret Skeen.  
 (3) William Sears. Born Sept. 18, 1816.  
 (4) Adam Sears. Born Nov. 28, 1818.  
 (5) Malinda Sears. Born Feb. 18, 1821.  
 (6) and (7) Peter H. and J.R. Sears. Born April 7, 1824. Twins.





6- DAVID SEARS: (Continued)

~~1st~~ David Sears married 2nd, 1824, HANNAH RAINEY, dau. of \_\_\_\_\_ Rainey, and \_\_\_\_\_. She was born \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, and died \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (8) Louisd Sears. Born July 18, 1825, Lawrence County, Indiana. Died April 3, 1908. Married Abraham Adamson who was born May 9, 1824, and died Nov. 15, 1855. He was a son of John Wesley Adamson and Fannie Kern; grandson of Byrd D. Adamson and Rachel Williams of East Tennessee; and of Abraham Kern and Susan Wilson, of Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

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- i- Emaline Adamson. Married Obed Lamb, son of Isaiah Lamb and Christina Frederick. Issue: Charley, Florence, Anna, John C., Henry, Abbie, and Pearl Lamb.
- ii- Frances Melissa Adamson. Married Clay Kern, Jan. 29, 1865.  
 a) Charley T. Kern, b. 11/2/1865; m. Emma Boyd.  
 b) Chloe L. Kern, b. 3/28/1878; m. Opal Jackson.  
 c) Dove Kern, born 1869, died 1891.  
 d) Bert Kern, born 1884, died 1905.
- iii- John Rainey Adamson. Married Jennie Kern. Issue: Lester, Charley, James Audry, John Orley (twins), May, Lula, Jason, Forrest, Dova W., and four that died in infancy. "Uncle John" Adamson is still living (1942) in San Diego, Calif.

- (9) Henry Sears. Born August 16, 1827. Married Sally C. (Emelia) Baker, 2/14/1851. Issue: Only daughter, Nancy Emaline Sears, married Josephus Kern.

- (10) Susan Juliana Sears. Born July 7, 1830. Died \_\_\_\_\_ 1880. Married, 1845, J. Milton Sellers (son of Edward Sellers and Amelia Stanton, of Laurel County, Ky., to Lawrence County, Ind., 1830). He was born Feb. 2, 1826, in Laurel County, Ky. Children: (living in 1884)---

SELLERS

- |                      |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| i- John W. Sellers.  | ) | MILTON <del>Sellers</del> , married, 2nd, |
| ii- Minerva Sellers. | ) | Mrs. Cox Embree, and had                  |
| iii- Adam Sellers.   | ) | children: William, Elizabeth,             |
| iv- Ida Sellers.     | ) | Mary and John.                            |
| v- Rachel Sellers.   | ) |   |

- (11) Rainey Sears. Born April 13, 1832. Married Selula Cox, June 9, 1853. Went to Missouri.

- (12) Martin Isaac Sears. Born May 23, 1834. Married Mary Amanda (Polly) Jackson, Dec. 20, 185\_\_\_\_. Had a son Henry Sears, whose son Herman Sears married Clementine, daughter of Peter H. and Susan Sears. *Henry Kern & Annabella Sears*

- (13) Angelina Sears. Born June 2, 1837.





6- DAVID SEARS: (Continued):

- (14) Melvina Sears. Born Oct. 30, 1838. Married Nov. 29, 1855, Cornelius Kern. He was born in Lawrence County, Ind., in 1832, the son of Eli Kern, b. 1813, and Mahalia Williams; grandson of Abraham Kern and Susan Wilson of Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Lawrence County, Ind.; and of Isaac Williams and Amelia Gibson of East Tennessee & Indiana.

ISSUE:

- i- Florence Kern. Born 1858. Married Samuel Scroggin.  
Issue: Kitty, Cora, and Clarence, Scroggin.
- ii- Henry O. Kern. Born 1859.
- iii- Minnie Kern. Married Robert Taylor.  
Issue: Herman, Lena, Vivian Taylor.
- iv- Frankie Kern. Married 1st, \_\_\_\_\_ Lytton; 2nd, Andrew Fike.  
Issue (1st): Donald, Edward Andrew and Katheryn Dawn Lytton.
- v- Siegel Kern. Married Nell Cameron.  
Issue: Siegel O. Kern.
- vi- Fred Kern. Married Myrtle Beeman.  
Issue: William, and Herschel Kern.

- (15) David H. Sears. Born April 17, 1841. Married, 1st, June 26, 1862, June Short; married 2nd, Emma Holmes. David H. Sears died Jan. 25, 1898.

ISSUE:

- i- Newton Sears. )
- ii- Emerson Sears. ) 1st marriage. )
- iii- Cornelia Sears ) notes, 5/15/1942/
- iv- Teresa Sears, issue by second marriage. )

7L:-----  
DAVID SEARS, married, 3rd, Rachel Adamson-Cox, widow of Simon Cox; daughter of William Adamson and Susannah Chesnut; grand-daughter of Ryré D. Adamson and Rachel Williams of East Tennessee. She was born, June 18, 1828, and died Oct. 14, 1902. Buried in Lynthrocum Cemetery, 5 miles west of Harrisburg, Indiana.

ISSUE:

- (16) William Marion Sears. Born Sept. 6, 1854. Married 1st, Isora Pedigo, Apr. 15, 1874. She was born 1856 and died Jan. 18, 1883. W.M. Sears married 2nd, Feb. 14, 1894, Amelia Owens. She was born Feb. 27, 1855, and died May 13, 1937. William Marion Sears d. 4/25/37.

ISSUE:

- i- Celestie Sears, born 3/4/1875; d. 3/6/1894; never married.
- iii (These names and dates  
(17) Mahala A. Sears. Born Oct. 19, 1857. Never married. (from Lisker Adamson  
Died young. (notes. EFD.

The foregoing notes on the descendants of David Sears are arranged and amplified from the following sources:

- 1- Basic notes on Sears Family by Prof. W.E. Smith, University of Idaho.
- 2- Collections on Adamson, Kern, and Williams Families by Ben and Alice Dixon.
- 3- Miscellaneous notes furnished by Lisker Adamson, Williams, Indiana.
- 4- Census Schedules of Lawrence County, Indiana, 1820 to 1870 inclusive.





- 7- MICHAEL ALEXANDER SEARS: Born April 24, 1797, in North Carolina (or possibly in Kentucky). Died in Nicholas County, Ky., Aug. 24, 1846. Married, in Nicholas County, Ky., March 21, 1819, Elizabeth Boardman, (dau. of \_\_\_\_\_ Boardman, and \_\_\_\_\_). She was born Dec. 16, 1803; died 1877.

ISSUE

- (1) Barton. Sears.  
 (2) Benjamin Sears. No additional information on descendants of  
 (3) Polly Sears. Michael Alexander Sears and Elizabeth Boardman,  
 (4) Abner Sears. except as shown below for (1) Barton Sears.  
 (5) Keziah Sears.  
 (6) John M. Sears.

- (1) Barton Sears. Born July 14, 1820, died October 29, 1893. Married, at Odon, Ind., Jan. 1, 1839, Eliza J. Barr, (dau. of \_\_\_\_\_ Barr, and \_\_\_\_\_). She was born March 7, 1817, and died Feb. 15, 1889.

ISSUE

- i- John M. Sears, born March 11, 1842.  
 ii- James R. Sears, born April 21, 1844.  
 iii- Barton R. Sears, born Feb. 25, 1846. (Feb. 23, 1846)  
 iv- Mary E. Sears, born Jan. 18, 1848.  
 v- Luther C. Sears, born July 3, 1850.  
 vi- Susan C. Sears, born May 20, 1852.  
 vii- Eliza J. Sears, born Sept. 23, 1854.  
 viii- Thomas M. Sears, born Feb. 4, 1859; married \_\_\_\_\_;  
 Issue: Clarence Sears, of Elmore, Ind., and others.

- 8- HENRY SEARS: Born, probably in Kentucky. Removed to Indiana, and located at Corydon, Harrison County, Ind. No other data.

- 9- SUSAN SEARS. Born, \_\_\_\_\_ 1788? in North Carolina. Removed with parents to Nicholas County, Ky.,... Married in Kentucky (or N.C.), WILLIAM KERN, (son of Abram Kern, Pioneer Preacher, of Kentucky, from Bucks Co., Pa.) born about \_\_\_\_\_ 1783, either in Bucks County, Pa., or in Kentucky, (or North Carolina). Removed to Indiana and was in Harrison County, Ind., 1816. Settled in Lawrence County later, where he died \_\_\_\_\_. Susan Sears Kern died \_\_\_\_\_.

ISSUE:

- (1) Ezra Kern. Born probably in Kentucky, May 25, 1814. Removed to Indiana with his parents. Married, 1st, in Lawrence County, Indiana, Dec. 24, 1835, Elizabeth Carter (or Corther). Born Nov. 17, 1815.

ISSUE:

- i- Sarah Ann Carter.

Ezra Kern married, 2nd, Feb. \_\_\_\_\_ 1845, in Lawrence County, Ind., Elizabeth Smith, (daughter of Peter Smith and Margaret Ford, from Ky. to Lawrence County, Ind., before 1820), born in Kentucky May 15, 1819. (She was married, 1st, Feb. \_\_\_\_\_ 1842, to Nickerson Ikard, who died in the same month. No issue.) Ezra Kern died Jan. 18, 1873. Elizabeth Smith Kern died May 8, 1891.

Issue:

- ii, iii, iv, & v- Henry Clay, Josephus, Winfield Scott, & William Luther. (Census records on page 17.)





9- SUSAN SEARS: (Continued) married WILLIAM KERN

(1) EZRA KERN: Born May 25, 1814. Married 1st, Elizabeth Carter.

ISSUE

i- Sarah Ann Kern, born in Indiana, 1837. Married \_\_\_\_\_ Pitman.

Ezra Kern married, 2nd, Elizabeth, dau. of Peter Smith.

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ii- Henry Clay Kern, born, Indiana, 1846.

iii- Josephus Kern, born, Indiana, 1851.

iv- Winfield Kern, born, Indiana, 1857.

v- William Kern, born, Indiana, 1865.

(2) ANNA KERN: No data.

(3) BENJAMIN KERN. Born in Indiana, \_\_\_\_\_ 1818. Married, Nov. 20, 1839,

Nancy J. Baker. (Dau. of \_\_\_\_\_ Baker, and \_\_\_\_\_)

According to census records, she was born in Indiana, and was described as "Age 26" in 1850; "age 37" in 1860.

ISSUE

i- James A. Kern. Born, Indiana, 1842.

ii- Phoebe A. Kern, Indiana, 1844.

iii- Emily J. Kern, Indiana, 1847.

iv- Lewis I. Kern, Indiana, 1850.

(4) ADAM KERN: Born Oct. 20, 1824. No other data.

(5) NOAH KERN: Born in Indiana, 1816. (Census record 1850 says "Age 34"; record for 1860 says "Age 44"). Married, August 19, 1836, in Lawrence County Indiana, Eveline B. Hurd. (Age 31, 1850; 41, 1860).

ISSUE:

i- Nathan H. Kern. Born, Indiana, 1845.

ii- James A. Kern, Indiana, 1847.

iii- Benjamin F. Kern, Indiana, 1850.

iv- Melina Kern, Indiana, 1857.

iv- Francis M. Kern, Indiana, 1856.

vi- George W. Kern, Indiana, 1858.

Also a "Bud Kern", who left a large family.

NOTE: Eveline B. Hurd born in Kentucky.

(6) JACOB KERN: Born in Indiana, 1829. Married Margaret E. \_\_\_\_\_, native of Indiana. Described as "Age 19" in 1850.

Kern. ISSUE

i- Elitha J. ~~SEARS~~, Born in Indiana, 1848.

(7) PETER KERN: Born in Indiana, 1823. Married Nancy J. \_\_\_\_\_, native of Indiana. Described as "Age 22" in 1850, and "Age 32" in 1860, "42" (in 1870).

ISSUE

i- Louisa A. Kern. Born in Indiana, 1845.

ii- Sophiah J. Kern. Indiana, 1848.

iii- Joseph S. Kern. Indiana, 1851.

iv- Mary E. Kern. Indiana, 1862.





10- MOLLY SEARS: Married a Satterfield. No other data available.

2ND MARRIAGE

11- WILLIAM SEARS.

12- SOLOMAN SEARS.

13- JACOB SEARS: Entered Land in Washington County, Indiana, June 22, 1813.

(Pencilled notation in margin says "David too".

14- ADAMS SEARS: Lived in Lawrence County, Indiana. Removed to Missouri, where he died. He was a preacher.

"He had a daughter, Louisa Sears, who married a Kendall who lived about 1834 at Washington. The wife of Maurice Hickey, of Elkhart, Ind., is a great granddaughter of Adam Sears."

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RETROSPECT

*The* ADAMSON: Byrd D. Adamson was born in Dublin Ireland, and came to the Carolinas with his father, Alexander Adamson, prior to the Revolution, according to family tradition. He married a Quaker girl, Rachel Williams, in Jefferson County, Tennessee, about 1795, without the blessings of the church. Rachel was disowned, but later, 1797, condemned her misconduct and was restored with her children to the congregation of the righteous. Byrd D. Adamson died in Tennessee. In 1817, Rachel and her children went to Indiana.

KERN: ABRAHAM KERN, probably a son or grandson of the immigrant Abraham Kern of 2d 1731, was a Dunkard Preacher in Nicholas County Kentucky. His son, Abraham, Jr., was also a preacher. He was born in 1788 in Pennsylvania, presumably; married Susan Wilson in Kentucky, in 1807. She also was of Pennsylvania. They went into Lawrence County Indiana in 1816 or 1817.

SEARS: Johannes Zaher, a religious refugee from Switzerland, came early to Pennsylvania, and later settled in North Carolina, where JOHN SEARS was born. He removed to Nicholas County Kentucky, prior to 1802, whence many of his children and grandchildren went into Southern Indiana early in the 19th Century.

WILLIAMS: Isaac Williams, a brother to Rachel Williams-Adamson above, was born in Surry County, N.C. in 1779. June 20, 1801, he was disowned by the Lost Creek Monthly Meeting, Jefferson County, Tenn., presumably for marriage out of unity, with Amelia Gibson, a non-Quaker. In 1817, he guided his large family, together with that of his widowed sister, Rachel Williams-Adamson, to Lawrence County, Indiana. Isaac and Rachel were great-grandchildren of Richard Williams, a Quaker Immigrant of Penn's Colony.

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LAWRENCE COUNTY INDIANA WAS THE MIXING BOWL FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF THESE FOUR PIONEER FAMILIES OF RELIGIOUS REFUGEES. THE ADAMSON-KERN-SEARS-WILLIAMS BOYS AND GIRLS ACHIEVED MANY INTERMARRIAGES.





The Will of Christian Sears of Oldham Co., Ky.

I Christian Sears considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, blessed by Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to-wit--

First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Hannah K. Sears, two negroes, Henry aged fourteen years and Betsy aged eleven Years, to have and to hold the same during her natural life, after her decease the same to be free provided however the same negroes Henry and Betsy, if all have arrived at the age of twenty one years, should they be under that age it is my will that they be hired out by my executors until they shall have arrived at the age, also I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife one negro girl named Cleo, aged eleven years to have and hold the same forever. also one horse and one side saddle, one silver watch, one bed and furniture one Bureau, and one dressing table. and also the one third part of the money derived out of the disposition of my estate hereafter to be named:

Also I will and ordain, that the executors of this my last will and testament shall with all convenient speed after my decease proceed to sell to the highest bidder on credit of one year and two years, the farm with all the appurtenances, on which I now live, consisting of one hundred acres fee simple, for the doing and executing whereof I do by these presents give to my said executors full power and authority to bargain and sell and convey the same to any person or persons, their heirs or assigns forever in fee simple.

Also it is my will that Riley, Jerry and Thomas, male slaves that may be born after this date in my family, be hired out until each of them shall have earned four hundred dollars, also that slaves Sallie and Margaret and female slaves that may be born in my family after this date, be hired out until they shall each of them have earned two hundred dollars. After the above named slaves shall have earned by their hire, the above mentioned sums, my executors are authorized to set them free. Also that Lucy be free at the age of twenty one years. It is also my will that Lewis, Betsy and Mary be free at my decease.

All the rest and residue of my personal estate not herein disposed of to be sold to the highest bidder, on credit of twelve months. The several sums arising from the sale of my land, the hire of my negroes, and sale of my personal estate (debts due and cash on hand, after paying my just debts) be divided equally among my six children or their heirs or assigns, after deducting from each of the several sums that each of them have received from my estate and applied to their own use and benefit the sums annexed to each of their names are the sums received by each, viz:

To Polly Wright, one hundred and thirty-one dollars; Sarah Shires, one hundred and fifty-five; Betsy Wright, one hundred dollars; Jacob Sears, two hundred dollars.

And I do hereby appoint my friend, Jonathan Hardin of Oldham County, Ky. and Philbert Wright, my son-in-law of the State of Indiana, my executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the 22d. of June, in the year of our Lord, 1840.

Christian F. Sears (SEAL)

The above instrument of one sheet was now here subscribed by Christian Sears, the Testator in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared to be his last will and testament and we as attesting witnesses sign our names hereto.

Jno. S. Milton, of Oldham Co., Ky.  
Johnson Dawkins, of Oldham Co., Ky.





## The Sears Family

By Grant Wright, Salem Ind., and Prof. W. Smith, University of  
Idaho, Moscow, Idaho

The Sears Family of Rowan, Co., N. C.; Nicholas, Co., Ky., Indiana and Missouri, is descended from Johannes Zaher, from the German Canton of Switzerland. He was a Religious Refugee, belonging to the Junkard Church, seeking Religious Liberty in the new World. He settled with his family in Lancaster Co., Pa., about 1740, lived at Ephrata for a while and removed thru Maryland to the Yadkin Valley in North Carolina where he died.

1--Johannes Zaher, (pronounced tair, and meaning tough in the German language, but was generally called Sears in the English), born in Switzerland about 1710, came to Pennsylvania about 1740 with his family, and died in the Yadkin Valley, N.C. leaving at least two sons, Christian and John, probably others.

Christian and John Sears are the only families whose names are mentioned in the Salisbury District in Rowan Co., N.C. There is only one Christian Sears mentioned in the 1790 census of N.C. and Penn. There are four John Sears and a number of others mentioned in different counties of N.C. and Penn.

The 1790 Census for N.C. shows Christian Sears the head of a family, has eleven children, seven girls and four boys. Allowing two years for each child we have twenty two years and subtract 22 years from 1790 and we have 1768 the probable date of his marriage. He would have been 26 years old when married.

The above data, right or wrong, is submitted from my research relating to the genealogy of Christian Sears and I am quite sure he was not a myth as my father had seen him and I received a letter from the people who own his old farm and stated it was called the Christian Sears farm.

(A)--Christian Sears, born in N.C. about 1742, married Catherine mentions his wife Hannah r. Dawkins Sears, daughter of William Dawkins of Oldham Co., Ky. They were married on Sept. 19, 1834. He bought land in N.C. on January 15, 1794 and Sept. 2, 1797 and sold it April 20, 1805. His will was probated in Oldham Co., Ky. on Aug. 21, 1843, Children, Polly (Wright), Sarah (Shires), Betsy (Wright), Jacob, David and John Sears. Executors, Johathan Hardin and Philbert Wright (son-in-law)."

Christian Sears moved from Rowan Co., North Carolina to Seagrass, near Louisville, Ky. in 1802. Later he moved near Fee Wee Valley, Ky. He lived to be 101 years old. When at the age of 100 he with his young wife visited relatives in Washington Co., Indiana and died soon after he returned home. Grant Wright says he thinks Christian was nearly 100 when he married his last wife. His first wife was Catherine, and his second, Hannah R. Dawkins, m. in Ky. 9-19 1834.

Children from Catherine:

2-1 Mary (Polly or Molly) m. Philbert Wright. See Philbert Wright record.	
2-2 Elizabeth (Betsy) m. James Wright record	
2-3 Sarah m. Shires	2-5 David
2-4 Jacob.	2-6 John.

Philbert Wright married Mary Sears in 1793 in Rowan Co, N.C. He was 25 and she was 17. Prof. Smith states Christian Sears married Hannah Dawkins in Oldham Co., Ky. in 1834. This seems about right as I have heard my father





say he was in his 90's and she in in her 40's. My father had seen them when they visited at his mother's home. My father was 10 years old at that time. I remember hearing him tell of an incident that happened while they were at his mothers. They had only one pipe and both smoked this pipe; while strolling through the orchard they lost this pipe and it seemed one blamed the other; quite an argument followed, it made such an impression on my father he being a young boy he never forgot it. I wrote to Oldham Co., Ky. and obtained a copy of his will and inventory and there was where I learned the year of his death and his age and the date his will was probated. As I remember, my father said he was 100 when he visited at his mothers and died soon after he returned home.

Elizabeth Betsy Sears married James Wright, son of Benjamin and Barbara Morgan Wright. Their record is in James Wright record.

2--John Sears, (son of Johannes Zaher the immigrant), born in N.C. about 1749, is said by some of his grandchildren to have served in the Rev. War, removed about 1802, to Nicholas Co., Ky., where he died on March 12, 1839. He married in Rowan Co., N.C. about 1778, Catherine Conrad, born in N.C. 1760, and died in Nicholas Co., Ky., in 1822. Their Children: Catherine, John, Mattha, Elizabeth, George, David, Michael, Alexander, Henry, Susan, and Molly. John Sears married again in Nicholas Co., Ky., Children: William, Solomon, Jacob and Adam.

#### Children of John Sears, (son of Johannes Zaher):

1-- Catherine Sears, born in N.C. Jan. 6, 1779, died in Floyd Co., Ind. 1852, removed with her parents to Ky., married in Bourbon Co., Ky., George Huffstutter, son of Jacob Huffstutter, born in Maryland Jan. 12 1779. died in Harrison Co., Ind., 1861. Children with others, David. 1- David Huffstutter, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., on Sept. 21, 1808, removed with his parents to Indiana in 1816, settled later in Orange Co., Indiana near Orleans, Ind., in 1835. He was a member of state Legislature of Indiana 1846-1855. He married on May 24, 1832 to Polly A. Bower, (daughter of Solomon and Jennie Parr Bower, from N.C. and Clark Co., Indiana, 1806) she was born May 5, 1811, died April 26, 1879. Children: Andrew J. (left on November 22, 1812 Washington County, Ind., to Lawrence County, Ind., in 1837 was Ed. of Bedford, Indiana Banner. Member of 46 session from 8th district in 1878. Married in February 1842 Margaret E. He was a Mason and a member of the Christian Church. Children: Jonnas M., John P., Sarah H., and Kate. Hon. David S. Huffstutter was living in 1884.

Hon. David S. Huffstutter

Biography copied from Goodspeed's History of Lawrence, Orange and Washington Counties

Hon. David S. Huffstutter who has played a conspicuous and honorable part in the affairs of Orange County, is a son of George and Catherine (Sears) Huffstutter, the former of whom was a native of Maryland, born January 12, 1779. George Huffstutter passed his early boyhood in Washington, Penn., and while yet a youth moved to Bourbon County, Ky., where he married. His wife was a native of North Carolina, and was born January 1779. In the year 1816 he immigrated to Harrison County, Ind., where he engaged in farming. His death occurred in that County in 1861, preceded by his wife's in 1852, in Floyd County.

David S. Was born in Bourbon County, Ky., Sept. 21, 1808. His settlement in Orange County was in the year 1835, on the same farm where he now





resides, one mile north of Orleans. He soon became known for his more than ordinary ability and integrity, which resulted in his election to the State Legislature in 1846. From that time, with the exception of one term he acted as legislator for his county until 1855, serving in both the House of Representatives and Senate.

At the end of that time against the solicitations of his friends, and disregarding the call of his party, he declined any further political honors. As a public servant he was distinguished for a faithful and conscientious discharge of his official duty. And unswerving though fealty to his party, and he is now as he always has been, an ardent and staunch democrat. On the 24th of May 1832 he lead to Hymen's alter Miss Polly A. Bower, who was born in Clark County, Ind., May 5, 1811. Her parents were Solomon and Jennie (Parr) Bower who came to Indiana in 1806, from N.C. To Mr. and Mrs. Huffstutter four children were born, only one of which Andrew J. is now living. Her death occurred April 20, 1879.

Mr. Huffstutter is now spending the remainder of his days upon his splendid farm of 1000 acres which he has earned by his own industry and energy.

David's mother was a Sears and it seems she was a daughter of John Sears who was the son of Johannes Zaher and brother of our Christian Sears. I believe I have heard my father say she was not a sister of his grand mother Mary Sears.

One indidence Prof. relates that Our Christian Sears the son of Johannes Zaher herded on the Swiss Alps, in and above the clouds when they were so wet that he--Christian Sears washed his hands with the water from the clouds.

I will have to admit that there is some confusion and probably error in our genealogical data of Christian Sears; however, it is accurate enought to make good biography if it is properly arranged, and that is as much as we may expect.

2--John Sears Jr., born in Rowan Co., N.C. 1776, and died in Nicholas Co., Ky., June 5, 1828, is buried at Old Union Church Cemetery. Removed with his parents to Ky., about 1788, married in Nicholas Co., Ky. 1805 Betsy (Elizabeth) Hon, (daughter of Jonas Hon and Mary Keithley Rowland, from the Yadkin Valley, N.C. to Ky., about 1788), she was born 1776, and died Aug. 14 1852. They were members of the Dunkard Church, their children: Jonas, John, Henry, Levi, Absolom Kitty and Ruth.

(1)--Jonas Sears, born in Nicholas Co., Ky., April 12, 1806 and died in Nicholas County, Ky., in December 28, 1869, farmer and member of the New Light Church, married in Nicholas Co., Ky. Anna Shannon, (daughter of Shannon, and Hannan), born in Ohio, October 20, 1803, died in Nicholas Co., Ky., on Dec. 31, 1851. Children Morgan, William, James, Polly, Albert Martin, Marion, Jane and Abraham F. (a)--Morgan Sears, born about 1827, married had one daughter Edna A Sears, born in 1882, who lived at Larned Kan. (b)--William Sears, born about 1828 lived at Blackell, Oklahoma, married had a daughter, Edith Sears, who lived at Winfield, Kansas. (c)--James Sears, born about 1830, married 1st Polly Jane Johnson, child en with others. William Sanford Sears, of Brantlett, Ky., James Sears remained in Ky., and was living at Carlyle, Ky., in 1902. (d)--Polly Ann Sears, Born October 6, 1831, died April 14, 1901, married William Anderson Shulse (son of Mark Shulse, and Susannah Music, from Nicholas Co. Ky. to Hall's Co., Mo), born in Nicholas Co., Ky., October 19, 1819, died in Mo., October 4, 1895. Their children: Jonas Marion, Flora Alice, Theordosia Ernest, Anna, Jusia Esther, Ruth,





Leroy and Benjamin Franklin.

- (i) Jonas Marion Shulse, born May 8 1856, married in 1881. Children: Polly Ethel, Marion, Flora May, Everett, Malcolm, and Robert.
- (ii) Flora Alice Shulse, born February 4, 1858, married Hendrick in 1886; Children: William Henry, Ruby Ruth, Maude, Zelma, and Delbert.
- (iii) Theodesia Ernest, born Died at 6 months of age.
- (iv) Ann Shulse, born July 27, 1862, married 1887. Children Edith, Alta Ethel, Earle and Lillie.
- (v) Julia Esther Shulse, born April 16, 1866 married in November 1887, H. Negly Spears, (son of Joseph and Catherine Spears), born 1866, and died 1918, she lives at 4419 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles, California. Children: Vincent Lan and Ruth Ann.
- (vi) Ruth Shulse, born November 1, 1867, married Ryan in 1892 Children: Redgie Ray, Marion and Emma Ruth.
- (vii) Leroy Shulse, born 1872 died at age of 3 months.
- (viii) Benjamin Franklin Shulse, born July 12, 1872, married in 1897, Children: Ernest, Cecil and Iva Mae, He lives at Center, Missouri.

(E)--Albert Martin Sears, born in Nicholas County, Ky., on November 9, 1833, died at Center, Missouri on November 5, 1904. He was a farmer and member of the Christian Church. He married in Center, Mo., on May 23, 1861, Sally Ann Shulse, (daughter of William Anderson Shulse and Polly Jane Johnson, of Ralls County Mo.), born in Ralls County, Mo., on December 21 1843. She lived and raised her family at Center, Mo., until 1912 when she went to live with her son Dr. M.L. Sears at Benet, California, where she died on January 2, 1914. Their Children: William Levi, Otis Burgess and Dolla Gilbert.

(i) William Levi Sears, M.D. born at Center, Ralls co., Mo., on August 28 1863, died March 22, 1939, married on August 22, 1888 to Emma Thompson (daughter of John and Martha Stableton Thompson), born January 22, 1868, died March 25, 1920/ Children: LaVeta, married John H. Friend Jr. and lives at 922 North Harper Ave., Los Angeles, California.

(ii) Rev. W. Otis Burgess Sears, born May 27, 1869, died May 1, 1935 He was a minister of the Christian Church, Educator and author. He married on January 27, 1892, to Eliza Ella Kenney (daughter of and ), born September 2, 1869, living at 2814 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. Children: Allen Sears, Harrisonburg Stateion, Huston, Texas.

(iii) Rev. Dolla Gilbert Sears, Minister of the Christian Church, born Ralls, County Mo., June, 1872. Living now at 518 Patterson St. Joplin, Mo. Married Edna Lucille Parks. Children: Merle Bivvons Sears, Lauron Clem Sears.

(f) Marion Sears, Born in Nicholas County, Ky. 1836, died at the age of 16 years, July 28, 1852.

(g) Jane Sears, born in Nicholas Co., Ky. 1837, died at the age of 15 years on August 10, 1852.

(h) Abraham F. Sears, born in Nicholas Co., Ky. 18 , married on to removed to Missouri and later to Roscoe, Okla. where he homesteaded. Children: Bilbert, Jesse, Kolla, Luther and maybe others.

(2) John Sears, born in Nicholas Co., Ky. 18 taught school in Nicholas Co., Ky. Married late in life and left no children:

(3) Henry Sears, no data.

(4) Levi Sears, born in Nicholas Co., Ky. 18 removed to Mo., and died unmarried.

(5) Absolom Sears, born in Nicholas Co., Ky. 18 married , removed with his family to Mo., in 1890, died in February 1901, leaving a large family.

(6) Kitty Sears, born in Nicholas Co., K., 18 , married in Nicholas Co., K., Robert Barr, (son of Barr, and ), born 18 Children: Robert Barr Jr. Who lived for years at Caryle and Bramblett, Nicholas County, Kentucky.





(7) Ruth Sears, born in Nicholas, Co., Ky., on May 23, 1823, died in Halls Co., Mo., on January 6, 1894, married October 30, 1844 at Carlyse, Ky., Peter Shulse, born January 28, 1893, in Halls Co., Mo. Children:

- (a) John H. Shulse, b. Dec. 19, 1845
- (b) William H. Shulse, b. November 7, 1847
- (c) Mary E. Shulse b. Nov. 6, 1849, m. Tom Utterback, no children
- (d) Francis M. Shules, b. March 25, 1851, m. left a family.
- (e) Winnie M. Shulse, b. April 4, 1853, d. without children.
- (f) Jonas L. Shulse, b. Jan. 15, 1856, d. without children.
- (g) A child that died at birth on Aug. 20, 1858.
- (h) Julia Ann Shulse, b. June 7, 1860, married on 18 to Thomas West, (son of West), born , died Children: George, Charles and Bessie, she lives at Center Halls, County, Missouri.
- (i) Jackson F. Shulse, b. Oct. 30, 1862, d. in 1883.
- (j) Jasper Shulse, twin of Jackson F. Shulse, Oct. 1862.
- (k) James H. Shulse, b. Nov. 19, 1854, m. left a family, one son living at Huntington, Halls, Co., Mo.

3 Matthias Sears, born in Rowan Co., N.C. 1779, removed with parents to Nicholas Co., Ky., about 1788, died in Lawrence Co., Indiana on Aug. 1878. married on 18 to , Children: Martha, Abram, and others

- (a) Martha Sears, removed with parents to Lawrence Co., Indiana, married Hopkins, and lived at Bedford, Lawrence Co., Indiana.
- (b) Abram Sears, removed with parents to Lawrence Co., Indiana, married Children, J W Sears, who had a son Rev. E W Sears, Minister in the Christian Church, who served the Church at Pinhook, Indiana in 1903, was in Winsboro, Texas and then returned to Indiana.

4 Elizabeth Sears, born in N.C? removed with parents to Ky., married in Knox Co. Ky. on February 13, 1812, James Garton, (son of Elijah Garton and Sarah Loyd of Rocking Co., Va., to East Tenn., then to Ky., and lastly to Lawrence Co., Indiana), born in Knox Co., Ten., Aug. 30, 1788, died at Clarksburg, (now Odon), Davis Co., Indiana, May 30 1874, Elizabeth Sears Garton, died at Springville, Lawrence Co., Ind., Dec 14, 1824. Children: Sally Cyrene, John Lowrey, Mary Brock, and William Craven, Nancy and twins died at birth.

- (a) Sally Cyrene Garton, b. Sept. 2, 1814, d. March 13, 1865.
- (b) John Lowrey Garton, b. July 15, 1818, d. Feb. 2, 1857, Children: Peter, D. J , Daniel, William, Sally, Mathew, Walter and Melba.
- (c) Mary Brock Garton, b. May 12, 1820, died July 7, 1906.
- (d) William Craven Garton, b. Aug. 7, 1822, d. Feb. 7, 1892.
- (e) Nancy Garton, b.

5 George Sears, born in N.C? March 5, 1789, married in Ky. Katie Hon, (daughter of Jonas Hon and Mary Keithly Hon), born March 10, 1789. They removed to Indiana, where he died Sept. 20, 1857 and she died Sept. 1880, left a family.

6 David Sears, born in Rowan Co., N.C. Dec. 17, 1791, removed with his parents to Ky. in 1821. He settled in Lawrence Co., Indiana, where he died on Aug. 24, 1864. Married in Ky. Anna Ke n, (daughter of Abraham Kern, pioneer Preacher of Ky., from Bucks Co., Pa. ), born in Bucks Co., Pa., about 1792. She died in Lawrence Co., Indiana April 10, 1824. Their Children: Andrew, Ezra, William, Adam, Malinda, Peter and J P David Sears married 2nd time in Lawrence Co., Indian , Hannah Rainey. Their Children: Louisa, Henry, Juliana, Rainey, Martin, Angelina, Melvina, and David H. Jr. David Sears married 3rd time in Lawrence Co., Ind., on June 17 1850, Rachel Adamson Cox, Children William, Marion and Mahala.





(a) Andrew Sears, born in Ky. 1812, died in Davies Co., Ind. 1864, married June 14, 1834, in Lawrence Co., Indiana, Serelda Smith, (daughter of Peter Smith and Margaret Ford, from Ky. to Lawrence Co., Ind., before 1820. She was born in Pulaski Co., Ky., Feb. 7, 1817, and died in Davies Co., Ind on Oct. 6, 1898, Children: Margaret, David, Lucinda, Peter, Rebecca, Anna, William, Elizabeth, Josephus, Eliza and Belle. (For details see Peter Smith Family)

(b) Ezra Sears, born in Ky. 1814, m. in Lawrence Co., Ind., Feb 17, 1836 Peggy Skeen.

(c) William Sears, born in Ky. 1816, died in Ind. 1857, married in Lawrence Co., Ind., Oct. 1837, Phoebe Cox, b. 1821, died 1909, Children, Nancy Jane, Anna Rebecca, Emanuel, Lewton, Manervila, William M., David Wright, Mary E., and John Marshall.

(ix) John Marshall Sears, born April 23 1856, married on , Margaret Conley (daughter of Conley), born , Children: Jesse, Lola, Ralph, Harley, John E. and Charles A. and Fred Harrison.

(d) Adam Sears, born in Nicholas Co., Ky. 1818, married in Indiana 1839 Rebecca Wright, (daughter of Elder Peter Wright, and Rebecca Woods, of Washington Co., Indiana), born , in Washington Co., Ind. Adam Sears died , he was a Republican and member of the Christian Church, they had 13 children. The following were living in 1884, Melissa J., Tabitha E., Peter W., David L., Ambrose R., Nancy E., Arley R., and Ulysses G.

(a) Malinda Sears, b. 1821

(f) Peter Sears, d. an infant.

(g) J. P. Sears, d. an infant.

(h) Louisa Sears. b. 1825

(i) Henry Sears, b. 1827, m. Feb. 14, 1851, Sally C. Baker, (only daughter of Nancy Emalina Sears), m. Josephus Kern.

(j) Julia Sears, b. 1829, d. 1880, m. J. M. Sellers (son of Edward Sellers and Amelia Stanton Sellers of Laurel Co., Ky., to Lawrence Co., Ind., in 1830), born February 2, 1825, in Laurel Co., Ky. C children living in 1884: John W., Minerva, Adam, Rachel and Ida. J. M. Sellers married 2nd time Mrs. Cox Embree, Children: William, Elizabeth, Mary and John.

(k) Rainey Sears. b. 1832, m. June 9, 1852, Selula Cox.

(l) Martin Sears, b. 1834, m. Dec. 20, 185 , Polly Jackson.

(m) Angelina Sears, b. 1837.

(n) Melvina Sears, b. 1838, m. Nov. 29, 1855, Cornelius Kern.

(c) David H. Sears Jr., b. 1841

(p) William Marion Sears, b. 1854, was living in 1884.

(q) Manala Sears, b. 1857, d. y.

7 Michael Alexander Sears, born in N.C. Maybe Ky., April 24, 1797, died in Nicholas Co., Ky., August 24, 1846, married in Nicholas Co., Ky., March 21, 1819. Elizabeth Borden, (daughter of Borden, and ), born Dec. 18, 1803, died 1877. Children: Barton, Benjamin, Polly, Abner, Keziah and John M.

(a) Barton Sears, born July 14, 1820, died Oct. 29, 1893 at Odon, Ind, married Jan. 1, 1839, Eliza J. Barr, b. March 8, 1817, died February 15, 1849, Children: John M., born March 11, 1842: James R., born April 21, 1844: Barton R., born February 23, 1846: Mary E., born January 18, 1848: Luther C., born July 3, 1850: Susan C., born May 20, 1852: Eliza J., born Sept. 23, 1854, and Thomas M., born February 4, 1859.

(vii) Thomas M. Sears, b. Feb. 4, 1859, m. on to , Children: with others. Clarence Sears, of Elmore, Ind.

(v-e) No other data.

8 Henry Sears, born probably in Ky , removed from Corydon, Harrison Co., Md., to Indiana.

9 Susan Sears, born in N.C., (possibly in Ky.), 1788., removed with





parents to Nicholas Co., Ky., married in Ky., William Kern,  
(son of Abram Kern, Pioneer Preacher, of Ky., from Bucks Co., Pa.),  
born about 1783, either in Bucks Co., Pa., or in Ky., removed  
to Indiana was in Harrison Co., Ind., 1816, and settled in Lawrence  
Co., Ind., later where he died. Their Children: Ezra, Anna, Benjamin,  
Adam, Noah, Jacob and Peter.

(a) Ezra Kern, born probably in Ky. on May 25, 1814, removed to Indiana  
with his parents, married 1st in Lawrence Co., Ind., on Dec. 24, 1835,  
Elizabeth Carter, (or Corther), born Nov. 17, 1815, they had an only  
daughter, Sarah Ann, and Elizabeth Carter Kern, 18. He married  
the 2nd time in Lawrence Co., Ind., on Feb. 1845, Elizabeth Smith, (daughter  
of Peter Smith and Margaret Ford Smith, from Ky., to Lawrence Co., Ind.,  
before 1820), born in Ky., May 15, 1819, (she was married first Feb. 1842,  
Pickerson Herd, who died in the same month, no children). Ezra Kern, died  
Jan 18, 1853, Elizabeth Smith Kern, died May 8, 1891. Their Children: Henry  
Clay, Josephus, Winfield Scott, William Luther, (for details of this family  
see the Kern family).

(b) Anna Kern.

(c) Benjamin Kern, m. Nov. 20, 1839, M. J. Baker.

(d) Adam Kern, m. Oct. 20, 1834.

(e) Noah Kern, b. , m. Aug. 19, 1836, Evaline Hurd, in Lawrence Co.,  
Ind Children with Others: Bud Kern, who left a large family.

(f) Jacob Kern.

(g) Peter Kern.

10 Molly Sears, born , married , Mr. Satterfield.

11 William Sears.

12 Solomon Sears.

13 Jacob Sears, entered land in Washington Co., Ind., June 22, 1813.

14 Adam Sears, lived in Lawrence Co., Ind., removed to Mo., where he  
died. He was a preacher. One daughter, Louisa ~~Sears~~, married A. Kendall  
who died about 1934, in Washington. The wife of Maurion Hickey of Elora,  
Indiana is a great granddaughter of Adam Sears.

*Typed by Mrs. Velma Thompson for Beniah Thompson from book of Bert Parham  
"Genealogy of Richard Wright and Descendants" by Lilla Elizabeth Wright Lane  
White of Birmingham Ind. 1943.*



SEARS FAMILY OF NORTH CAROLINA, KENTUCKY, & INDIANA  
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If you can supply the answers to any of these following queries, it will help in preparing the Adamson Genealogy for the Family Picnic 1942. The names, dates, etc. in the foregoing pages are copied from census schedules of Lawrence County, Indiana.

1. JOHN SEARS of Rowan County, N.C., and Nicholas County, Ky. Can you give the names of any other children besides David and Susan? Was Matthias, of Lawrence County, also a son of John and Catherine? He was, judging from the census records, born in the same decade (1790-1800) as David and Susan. *Right*

- in fact*  
2. SUSAN SEARS, who married WILLIAM KERN: Can you name the children of this marriage? Three sons and three daughters ~~xx~~ are shown on the Census Schedules of 1840. In 1860, SUSAN KERN is shown in the household of PETER F. (or H) SEARS. Is this Peter Sears a son of William and Susan? and is he the son who is shown by the 1840 census to be 15/20 years of age? *Not certain*

3. DAVID SEARS, who married (1) ANNA KERN; (2)            Rainey; and (3) Rachel Adamson-Cox: *✓*

- (1) Is EZRA SEARS, who was born in Kentucky about 1813, the 1st and only child of David and Anna? *Yes, married Susan Adams, daughter of John Adams, 1840.*  
(2) Can the 11 children named as issue of David and wife            Rainey, be identified as children of this union? If not, which ones can be so identified?  
(3) Can any of them be definitely identified as children of David and Anna Kern? *Ezra Adams 1840*

4. DAVID SEARS AND RACHEL ADAMSON-COX: Did David Sears have any other children by his third wife than W.M. Sears, (son) and M.A. Sears (daughter) mentioned in the Census Schedules of 1860? *Yes*

If so— who?

When did David Sears die?

When did Rachel Adamson-Cox-Sears re-marry? *first W.*





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(1750-1800) as David and Susan.  
He was, judging from the census records, born in the same decade  
as Matthias, of Lawrence County, also a son of John and Catherine?  
Give the names of any other children besides David and Susan?  
I, JOHN SMITH of Bowen County, N.C., and Nicholas County, Ky. Can you

son of William and Susan? and is he the son who is shown by the the pedigree of Peter T. (or H) CARL. Is this Peter same as the German schoolmaster of 1840. In 1880, SOUTHWELL is shown in this country? Three sons and three daughters are shown on S. 252 in 1880, who married WILLIAM WEST: Can you name the children of

3 sons  
1 William Snow born in Ky 1817 father John Snow  
2 Adam " " " " 1819 mar. Rebecca Wright  
3 Benjamin " " " " " "  
4 John " " " " " "  
5 Peter " " " " " "

[illegible]

4. Father Henry Smith Born 1823

5. Louise born 1880, married 1902 to John H. ...

6. ~~Society was organized as a branch of the II of the I.O.O.F. (S)~~ James K. Kelly

4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

For the purpose of better understanding the situation, the following information is being provided:

Marston, George, London, collected Nov 1763 buried in  
Compton, Ashmole's Theatre, London, 1763

[illegible]

Angelica H. Nelson, Sister  
- M. Nelson, Sister.

*[Handwritten signature]*

1. ГЛАВНОЕ УПРАВЛЕНИЕ НАЦИОНАЛЬНОЙ БЕЗОПАСНОСТИ

and a Double





NOTES ON THE SEARS FAMILY: LAWRENCE COUNTY, INDIANA  
FROM THE CENSUS SCHEDULES OF 1850, 1860, and 1870

1850

~~PAGE HOUSE~~ NO. 773  
HOUSE

David Sears, 57m NC  
Rachel Sears, 22 f Ind  
Rainey Sears, 18 m Ind  
Martin Sears, 15 m Ind  
Angeline Sears, 14 f Ind  
Melvina Sears, 11 f Ind  
David H. Sears, 9 m Ind  
Susan J. Sears 21 f Ind

1860

~~PAGE HOUSE~~ NO. 377

David Sears, 68 m NC  
Rachel Sears, 33 f Ind  
David H. Sears, 17 m Ind  
W. M. Sears, 6 m Ind  
M. A. Sears, 3 f Ind  
Susan Cox 13 f Ind  
Lowery Adamson 18 m Ind

1870

~~PAGE HOUSE~~ NO. 806  
HOUSE

Benjamin Sears, 29 m Ky  
Rachel A. Sears, 24 f Ky  
Michael A. Sears, 5 m Ind  
John R. Sears, 3 m Ind  
Nancy E. Sears, 1 f Ind

*No 3 in house -  
\* Henry Adams 1 m*

*David S*

~~PAGE HOUSE~~ NO. 829  
HOUSE

Adam Sears, 31 m Ky  
Rebecca Sears, 28 f Ind  
Melissa J. Sears, 9 f Ind  
Tabitha E. Sears, 6 f Ind  
Peter W. Sears, 3 m Ind  
David L. Sears, 1 m Ind

*Samuel L. Sears*

*Peter Wright Sears*

HOUSE

~~PAGE HOUSE~~ NO. 830

William Sears, 32 33 m Ky  
Phoebe Sears, 30 f Ind  
Nancy J. Sears, 11 f Ind  
Rebecca A. Sears, 9 f Ind  
Manuel Sears, 8 m Ind  
Minerva A. Sears, 3 f Ind  
William H. Sears, 1 m Ind

~~PAGE HOUSE~~ NO. 301.

Adam Sears, 40 m Ky  
Rebecca Sears, 37f Ind  
Tabitha Sears, 16 f Ind  
Peter R. Sears, 13 m Ind  
David L. Sears, 11 m Ind  
Susan E. Sears, 8 f Ind  
Malinda V. Sears 5 f Ind  
Ambrose K. Sears 3 m Ind  
Nancy E. Sears, 1 f Ind  
John Rudyard, 18 m

*Love Sears  
Adams to W. Sears  
Sears*

*24 years 1 m*  
PAGE NO. 301

Phoebe Sears, 40 f Ind  
Nancy J. Sears, 21 f Ind  
Manuel Sears, 9 m Ind  
Newton Sears, 16 m Ind  
Minerva Sears, 14 f Ind  
David R. Sears, 7 m Ind  
John M. Sears, 4 m Ind

*Manuel + Phoebe*

*W. Margaret Sears*



NOTES ON THE SEARS FAMILY: LAWRENCE COUNTY, INDIANA  
FROM THE CENSUS SCHEDULES OF 1850, 1860, and 1870

1850

1860

1870

HOUSE NO. 831

Melinda Cox, 29 f Ind  
Martin Cox 10 m Ind  
Mahlon Cox 8 m Ind  
June Cox 4 f Ind

QUERY:

~~Is Melinda Cox~~  
~~an ADAMSON~~  
or a Sears?

*10 daughters of  
Melinda Cox  
all ADAMSON  
or a Sears?*

HOUSE NO. 838

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Ezra Sears, 37 m Ky  
~~Peggy~~ Sears, 32 f Ky  
Malinda J. Sears, 12 f Ind  
Hester A. Sears, 11 f Ind  
Lavina Sears, 7 f Ind  
James Sears, 6 m Ind

Ezra Sears, 46 m Ky  
Margaret Sears, 43 f Ky  
M. Louisa Sears, 18 f Ind  
James M. Sears, 15 m Ind  
Lemuel Sears, 5 m Ind  
Clementina Sears, 1 f Ind

*margaret Skowron*

833. ABRAHAM ADAMSON

834. JOHN W. ADAMSON

HOUSE NO. 835

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Peter H. Sears, 27 m Ind  
Susan J. Sears, 16 f Ind  
Louisa E. Sears, 3/12 f Ind  
Elizabeth Fisher 12 f Ind  
~~CHERRY~~

Peter (H or F) Sears 38 m Ind  
Susan Sears, 25 f Ind  
Louisa E. Sears, 10 f Ind  
Clementine Sears, 6 f Ind  
Susan Sears, 5 f Ind  
Laura A. Sears 3 f Ind  
Susan Kern, (\*)55 f N.C.

*If Peter is in  
house & Susan  
living - then  
A. H. Sears  
is  
" "  
" "  
" "  
" "  
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(\*) NOTE: Susan Sears 55 NO  
may be error for "65 NO".

PAGE 65. PERRY TWP.

MARSHALL TWP  
GUTHRIE PO.

A. H. Sears, 37	27 m Ind	
<del>-----</del> Sears, 35	26 f Ind	Telitha Sears, 47 F In
William Sears,	15 m Ind	
Mary Sears,	13 f Ind	
Sarah Sears,	11 f Ind	
Thomas Sears,	9 m Ind	Thomas J. Sears, 18 m In
Josephus, Sears	7 m Ind	Marion M. Sears, 17m Ind
Samuel, Sears	4 m Ind	Samuel J. Sears, 13m Ind
Jasper Sears,	1 m Ind	Jasper W. Sears, 11m Ind
		David F. Sears, 8m Ind
		Susan J.C. Sears, 6f Ind

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Matthias Sears	65 m NC	Matthias Sears 75 m NC
Susannah Sears	59 f Ky	Susannah Sears, 70 f Ky
E. G. Sears	17 f Ind	





THE SEARS FAMILY OF NICHOLAS COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
AND LAWRENCE COUNTY, INDIANA

JOHN SEARS, OF ROWAN COUNTY, N.C.  
Married Catherine Conrad  
To Nicholas County, Ky.,  
Prior to 1808, where he died  
in 1833?

1839 ISSUE

ABRAHAM KERN, THE ELDER (DUNKARD)  
OF BUCKS COUNTY, PA.  
To Backe-County Nicholas  
County, Kentucky.

ISSUE

ABRAHAM Kern. Born, 1786, Penna.  
Married Susan Wilson, born Pa. 1786  
To Lawrence County, Ind., 1817.

SUSAN SEARS-----married----- WILLIAM KERN Born Bucks Co., Pa.  
Born Rowan County, N.C.

Susan and William Kern both in 40/50 age group Census of 1840.

ISSUE (1840)

1 Son	in age group	15/20
1 Daughter	do	15/20
1 Son	do	10/15
1 Son	do	5/10
1 Daughter	do	5/10
1 Daughter	do	Under 5

DAVID SEARS-----married 1st-----ANNA KERN, who died in Nicholas  
Born Rowan Co., N.C. County, Ky.  
about 1792/93

ISSUE

Sears

QUERY: Was Ezra Kern, born in Kentucky about 1813  
----- the first and only child of David Sears  
by his first wife, Anna Kern?

DAVID SEARS-----Married 2nd, in Ky----- Rainey?  
Whose daughter was she?

ISSUE

1. William Sears, born in Kentucky, about 1813.	
2. Adam Sears, do	1819.
3. Benjamin Sears do	1821.
4. Peter H. Sears	Ind. 1823. (Is this Henry?)
5. Louisa Sears - do	July 18, 1825. <i>Child of David</i>
6. Susan Juliana Sears do	about 1829. <i>Child of David</i>
7. Rainey Sears - do	1832. <i>Child of David</i>
8. Martin Sears do	1835. <i>Child of David</i>
9. Angelina Sears do	1836.
10. Melvina Sears do	1839.
11. David H. Sears - do	1841.

DAVID SEARS-----Married, 3rd, in Indiana, RACHEL ADAMSON-COX, b. about 1827/  
daughter of William Adamson; widow of Simon Cox.

ISSUE: 1. W. M. Sears, born about 1854. (Son).  
2. M. A. Sears, born about 1857. (Daughter)





SEARS FAMILY OF NORTH CAROLINA, KENTUCKY, & INDIANA

SOME MISCELLANEOUS SEARS MARRIAGES

DAVID L. SEARS, married Cyrena Williams, daughter of Dixon Williams and Cytha Cox. She was sister of Louisa Williams who married Wesley Rout, and grand-daughter of Isaac Williams and Amelia Gibson.

ISSUE: Vernie, Walter, Nellie, Lila, Oscar, Arthur, Luther and Everett D. Sears.

QUERY: Is this the David L. Sears who was son of Adam Sears and Rebecca Wright? *Yes married Maria M. ...*

MELVINA SEARS, married Cornelius Kern. He was son of Eli Kern and Mahalia Williams; grandson of Abraham Kern and Susan Wilson, and also of Isaac Williams and Amelia Gibson.

ISSUE: Florence, Minnie, Frank, Siegel, and Fred Kern.

QUERY: Is this the Melvina who was the daughter of David Sears and \_\_\_\_\_ Rainey? *Yes.*

LOUISA SEARS, daughter of David Sears and \_\_\_\_\_ Rainey, married Abraham Adamson, son of John Adamson and Fannie Kern; grandson of Rachel Williams-Adamson, and also of Abraham Kern and Susan Wilson.

ISSUE: Emmaline, married Obed Lamb. *Married to John Adamson*

Frances Melissa, married Clay Kern. *Married to John Adamson*

John Rainey, married Jennie Kern. *Married to John Adamson*

MALISSA SEARS, daughter of Adam Sears and Rebecca Wright, married Alexander Adamson, brother of Abraham who married Louisa Sears, above.

ISSUE: Cornelia, Maudie, Walter Adamson, and another daughter.

TABITHA SEARS, sister of Malissa above, married Wesley Adamson, brother of Abraham and Alexander, above.

ISSUE: Winnie, Pryor, Ernest and Bernie Adamson.

MINNIE SEARS, daughter of "Billie Sears", married Charley Adamson (1875-1941) son of John Rainey Adamson and Jennie Kern above (Cf: LOUISA SEARS).

QUERY: What Billie Sears was the father of Minnie? *William J. Sears*

*Annaliese*  
CLEMENTINE SEARS, married James Kern, son of Jackson Kern and Malinda Rains; grandson of Abraham Kern and Susanah Wilson.

ISSUE: Winnie Kern who married Herman Sears.

QUERY: Is this Clementine Sears the one who was the daughter of Peter and Susan \_\_\_\_\_ Sears? and is she likewise the granddaughter of William Kern and Susan Sears?..... Who is Herman Sears who married her daughter. *See H. ...*

The compiler of these notes will be glad to have clarifying answers to any of the foregoing questions, from anyone who will be so kind as to contribute the information.

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## THE SEARS FAMILY

David Sears (1791-1854) was the progenitor of numerous Lawrence County pioneer families related to the Adamson-Kern-Williams group. He came into the White River country with, or about the same time as the pioneers of these three families, Abram Kern, the Dunkard Preacher, Isaac Williams and Rachel Adamson.

David Sears was the grandson of a Swiss emigrant, Johannes Zaher. The latter was born in Switzerland about 1710. He arrived in Pennsylvania about 1740, and settled briefly at the Moravian colony of Ephrata. When Pennsylvanians began to move south, Johannes Zaher (his name anglicized to John Sears), migrated to the Yadkin Valley in Rowan County, NC. He had at least two sons, John, Jr., and Christian. These removed, about the beginning of the 19th Century, to Nicholas County, Ky. John, Jr. was the father of David Sears, the Lawrence County Pioneer.

The 1790 census schedules for North Carolina reveal the family status of twelve Sears families. It is altogether plausible that more than two of these family heads were children of the old refugee, Johannes Zaher. The 1790 North Carolina Sears record follows:

SEARS: HEAD OF FAMILY	Page	FREE WHITE MALES Over 16	Under 16	FREE W FAMILIES	COUNTY	DISTRICT
1. Ann	131	1	1	3	Craven	Newbern
2. Christian	177	3	2	3	Rowan	Salisbury
3. David	150	1	2	1	Wayne	Newbern
4. Eborn	23	1	1	4	Cates	Edenton
5. Elizabeth	96	Name from Tax List			Orange	Hillsboro
6. John (1)	26	1	-	-	Hertford	Edenton
7. John (2)	91	-	-	-	Granville	Hillsboro
8. John (3)	132	2	-	-	Craven	Newbern
9. John (4)	177	1	4	3	Rowan	Salisbury
10. Joseph	97	Name from Tax List			Orange	Hillsboro
11. Philip	127	1	-	-	Beaufort	Newbern
12. Rosey	96	Name from Tax List			Orange	Hillsboro

### JOHN SEARS, JUNIOR

John Sears, son of Johannes, was born in Rowan County, NC about the year 1749. He died in Nicholas County, Ky., March 12, 1829. In Rowan County he married, about the year 1775, Catherine Conrad, born 1760 in NC and died 1822 in Nicholas County, Ky.

### ISSUE: FIRST MARRIAGE

1. John Sears, III (1776-1828); m. Betsey, dau. of Jonas Mon
2. Catherine Sears, b. NC 1-6-1779; m. George Hostetler
3. Elizabeth, b. NC; m. James Carlton; d. 12-14-1824, Lawrence Co. Ia
4. Henry Sears. Kentucky to Harrison Co., Ind.
5. Polly Sears, m. Satterfield (son of Peter Abram
6. Susan Sears, b. NC ca 1738; d. Lawrence Co.; m. William Kern
7. George, b. NC, 3-5-1789; m. Katie, dau Jonas Mon; d. Ind. 3-20-18
8. David Sears, b. Rowan Co. NC 12-17-1791; d. Lawrence Co., 3-24-18
9. Matthias Sears, b. 1735, Rowan Co. NC; d. 1878, Lawrence Co. Ind.
10. Michael A. Sears, b. NC 1797; d. Ky. 1846; m. Elizabeth Boardman

### ISSUE: SECOND MARRIAGE

11. William Sears
12. Solomon Sears.
13. Jacob Sears, to Washington Co., Ind.
14. Adam Sears, a preacher. To Lawrence Co., Ind.; d. in Missouri

It is more likely that it was the second wife who died in Kentucky in 1822, and that Catherine Conrad died about the time of the birth of her last child in 1797. In this case John Sears would have had to remarry speedily to take care of his small children. B.D.





7. Sarah Kern m. Ari Armstrong  
8. Susan J. b. 8-5-1834 m. Peter Sears 9-8-1848  
9. Cassandra " no data





Covered by John Sears's children left descendants in Indiana. At least four of them left numerous descendants in Lawrence Co., namely, Elizabeth, Susan, David and Matthias. Intermarried with the Adamson-Kern-Williams family group are the descendants of Susan, who married William Kern, a son of Abram II and brother of Abram III; and David who married 1st, Anna Kern, 2nd, Hannah Adams and 3rd, Rachel Adamson.

## DAVID SEARS

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He was born in Rowan County, NC, Dec. 17, 1791; removed with his parents to Nicholas Co., Ky., and thence to Lawrence Co., Ind., where he died Aug. 14, 1864. Anna Kern, his first wife, was the daughter of Adam Kern and Susan Wilson and was born in Nicholas Co., Ky., 9-26-1811. His second wife was Hannah ~~Smith~~ <sup>Adams</sup>, whom he married Oct. 1, 1824. His third wife was Rachel, daughter of M. Adamson and Bookie Chesnut, and widow of Simon Cox. She was born in Lawrence Co., June 18, 1828; and died Oct. 14, 1902.

## 1st ISSUE -- 1st MARRIAGE

1. Andrew Sears, (1812-1864); m. Gerelda Smith, Lawrence Co. <sup>6-14-1834 BAp 612</sup>
2. Ezra Sears, b. 1814; m. 1836, Peggy Skeen in Lawrence Co. <sup>6-14-1834 BAp 612</sup>
3. William Sears (1815-1857); m. Phoebe, dau. Wm. and Jane Cox <sup>10-5-1837 BAp 74</sup>
4. Adam Sears, b. 1816; m. 1839, Rebecca Wright, ~~Washington~~ <sup>Lawrence</sup> Co. <sup>10-5-1837 BAp 74</sup>
5. Malinda Sears, b. 1821; m. Scarlett Cox, Lawrence Co. <sup>2-22-1839 BAp 124</sup>
6. Peter Sears) Twins (Born April 7, 1824; died in infancy
7. J. B. Sears) (other died three days after birth of twins
8. ~~Peter N.~~ <sup>11-5-1824 BAp 125</sup> 2nd MARRIAGE 10-7-1824 BAp 125
9. Lovisa Sears, b. 7-25-1825; m. Abraham ADAMSON
10. Henry Sears, b. 8-16-1827; m. 2-14-1851, Sarah Amelia Baker <sup>3-6-1872 BAp 272</sup>
11. Susan Juliana, b. 7-7-1829; m. 2-24-1830; m. J. Milton Sellers <sup>12-16-1845 BAp 184</sup>
12. Rainey Sears, b. 4-12-1832; m. 7-1833, Selula Cox; removed to Missouri <sup>1845</sup>
13. Martin Isaac Sears, b. 5-20-34; m. Mary Amanda Jackson <sup>12-24-1850 BAp 244</sup>
14. Angelina Sears, b. June 2, 1837
15. Olivia Sears, b. 10-30-1838; m. 12-1855 BAp 499
16. David H. Sears (1841-1898); m. 1, June Short; 2, Emma Holmes

## 3rd ISSUE -- 3rd MARRIAGE

16. William M. Sears (1854-1937); m. 1, Isora Pedigo; 2, Amelia Owens
17. Mahalia A. Sears, b. Oct. 19, 1857; died young

## SUSAN SEARS

She was born about 1788 in North Carolina, and removed with her parents to Nicholas Co., Ky., where she married William Kern, son of Elder Abraham Kern II, of Bucks Co., Pa. Two sons were born in Nicholas County, after which (about 1816) William and Susan Kern removed to Harrison Co., Ind., and subsequently to Lawrence County, where all of their children grew to adulthood.

## ISSUE

(dau of Peter Smith

1. Ezra Kern, b. May 25, 1814; m. 1, Elizabeth Carter; 2, Elizabeth A.
2. Noah Kern, b. 1816; m. Eveline B. Hurd
3. Benjamin Kern, b. 1818; m. 1839, Nancy J. Baker
4. Anna Kern (b. about 1820);
5. Peter Kern; b. 1823; m. Nancy J. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Adam Kern, b. Oct. 20, 1824; <sup>6-5-1845 BAp 25</sup>
7. \*John Binson Kern, b. 1825; m. Elizabeth A. Sellers <sup>B. Laurel Co. Ky.</sup>
8. Jacob Kern, b. 1829; m. Margaret L. Powell

(\*) NOTE: John Bineca Kern, born in Lawrence Co. about 1825, is believed to be the son of William and Susan Kern; name of his wife has not been learned; information from census records.



"Genealogy of Richard Wright and Descendants" by  
Lillie Elizabeth Wright Lane White of Bloomington, Ind. 1943.  
Loaned to Beulah J. by Mr. & Mrs. Bert Parkam of Bedford, Ind.  
Apr 1964

Susan Sears, dau. of John & Catherine Conrad Sears, b. in N.C.  
(possibly Ky) 1788 removed with parents to Nicholas Co. Ky. m in  
Ky. William Kern (son of Abram Kern, pioneer preacher of Ky.  
from Bucks Co. Pa) b. about 1783, either in Bucks Co. Pa.  
or in Ky. removed to Ind. was in Harrison Co. Ind 1816,  
settled in Law. Co. Ind where he died. Issue -

1. Ezra Kern. b. probably Ky. May 25, 1814 removed to Ind.  
with parents m (1) 12-24-1835 in Law. Co. Ind Elizabeth  
Carter (or Corther b. 11-17-1815, they had an only daughter,  
Sarah Ann, and Elizabeth Carter Kern. m. (2) in Law. Co.  
Ind Feb 1845 Elizabeth Smith (dau. of Peter Smith &  
Margaret Ford Smith from Ky. to Law. Co. Ind. before 1820)  
b. in Ky 5-15-1819 (she was m. first Feb 1842 Nicholson  
Baker who d. same mo. no issue) Ezra Kern d. 1-18-1873,  
Elizabeth Smith Kern d. 5-8-1891

2. Anna Kern

3. Benjamin .. m. 11-20-1839 N. J. Baker

4. Adam .. m. 10-20-1824

5. Noah .. m. 8-19-1836 Evaline Hurd in Law Co. Ind

6. Jacob ..

7. Peter ..

Sent Mrs. Gannard 11-13-64  
(not right B.F.)





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Interviewed from 6.00 am to 12.00 pm + Bedford, Dec 12-31 1965

3 families came to see me in Bedford, Ky, near Somerset Ky, the ones to whom known  
Bent was a brother of the Kennel family. He married him of the Kennel family in 1816.  
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in the year 1819 he married Sarah of the family. She was the first of the family to come to Bedford.  
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Kennel in 1811 to which were the first of the family to come to Bedford. They were the first of the family to come to Bedford.  
Peter Sears and J. H. Tinsley.

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- David Sears and his wife 17.1791
- John Sears and his wife 15.1794
- William Sears and his wife 27-1812
- John Sears and his wife 12-1814
- William Sears and his wife 11-1816
- John Sears and his wife 10-1819
- William Sears and his wife 17-1821
- David Sears and his wife 17-1824
- John Sears and his wife 17-1825
- William Sears and his wife 17-1827
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- John Sears and his wife 17-1837
- William Sears and his wife 17-1839
- John Sears and his wife 17-1841
- William Sears and his wife 17-1844
- John Sears and his wife 17-1847
- William Sears and his wife 17-1850

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(David Sears will made 4-8-1863  
B.S.)

(Adam Sears m. Susan Kenn 10-26-1819  
B.S.)





Mr. Great grandfather William Jones born Sept 17, 1816 died Nov 11, 1899  
He was married Nov 1, 1841 died Oct 5 - 1900 in his children -

Nancy J. Jones born Aug 5, 1837 died Dec 20 - 1890

Clara R. Jones born Jan 21, 1837 died 1914

Emanuel Jones born Nov 9, 1841 died Jan 4, 1925

Newton Jones born Feb 26, 1844 died Nov 11, 1864

Marion Jones born Oct 15, 1846 died Dec 14, 1926

William H. Jones born Dec 27, 1847 died Aug 27, 1931

David W. Jones born Oct 17, 1852 died Oct 19, 1913

Mary C. Jones born Dec 5, 1855 died June 15, 1905

John M. Jones born Aug 23, 1856 died (Killed at B.I.)

and by 2 gr.)  
B.I. Mr. Great grandfather Cox. William Cox and wife Jane born 1811  
died 1871. He was married Nov 15, 1835 and had 12 children and one grandchild.

William Cox Jones born with them from 71 to 1871.

William Cox Jones born Nov 5, 1841 died Jan 15, 1907

John Cox Jones born Dec 23, 1843 died Jan 10, 1907

Marion Cox Jones born Feb 26, 1845 died 1901

William Cox Jones born Oct 10, 1847 died Jan 1, 1902

David W. Cox Jones born Aug 15, 1848 died Oct 17, 1891

John Cox Jones born Aug 3, 1849 died Jan 25, 1906

Marion Cox Jones born Nov 15, 1850 died Dec 1, 1907

William Cox Jones born Dec 12, 1851 (Killed at B.I.)

John Cox Jones born Jan 1, 1852 died 1901

Phineas Cox Jones born Jan 4, 1853

Clara Cox Jones born Jan 24, 1855

Clara Cox Jones born Nov 1, 1857 died Dec 13, 1917

Clara Cox Jones born July 1, 1859 died Sept 4, 1902

Clara Cox Jones born May 9, 1861 died Dec 22, 1906

John Cox Jones born Oct 17, 1863

Clara Cox Jones born Dec 21, 1865 died 1916

Clara Cox Jones also known of Kern family book Henry Kern is trying to locate.  
It was 1884 Goodspeed History of San, Orange & Washington Co. when it came.

















